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CHINA AWAITS RED ATTITUDE

Premier Says Question Of Peace Hinges On Communists RED PEACE FACTION MOOTED

Nanking, January 3.
The Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, stating that with President Chiang Kai-shek's New Year announcement, the door has been opened for peace in China, declared today that the question of peace now depends mainly on the Communist attitude.

Governor To Attend Meet

Mr. Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, will leave for Singapore on January 21 to take part in a conference with other colonial governors and service chiefs. An official statement yesterday said that the conference is one of the periodic meetings that are held in Singapore under the chairmanship of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald for discussion of matters of mutual interest. The statement added that at the last conference, British diplomatic representatives in South East Asia countries and China were also present. They will not attend the forthcoming conference, concluded the official statement.

Hope For Peace, Says Dr. Koo

Washington, January 2.
Undaunted by the dire disasters to his Government, the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, said today that 1949 holds a promise for the success of peace-loving nations in the world. Dr. Koo said in a New Year observance interview that it was most encouraging that the United States had during 1948 realised the dangers of Communism. He said that he felt confident that the United States will bring to all of us who cherish freedom and peace a brighter and greater prospect to achieve it. But it demands the co-operation of all nations interested in the same cause. He added that he felt confident that great success will come. Dr. Koo, one of China's ablest diplomats, has been named among 44 Chinese Government officials branded by the Communists as war criminals.—United Press.

REBELS ATTACK RICE CENTRE

Rangoon, January 3.
Karen rebels attacked the rice milling centre at Pantaway, just west of Rangoon, and set it afire. Some towns people were killed. The Karens are demanding a separate state for themselves to be known as Karenistan. It would take in the whole Irrawaddy delta, Burma's rice bowl. In a three-hour New Year's eve battle at Tounge, a communication said, rebel attackers were driven off and left 30 dead.—Associated Press.

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Speaking at the Kuomintang Monday Sun Yat-sen Memorial Meeting, the Prime Minister said that President Chiang's message had created a deep impression upon public opinion as a statement of the Government's intention for peace.

Pending further clarification of the Communist reaction, which still remained an unknown factor, the Premier said that as yet the policies of his new Cabinet had not taken concrete form and he, therefore, was unable to make a report.

Referring to the economic situation, Dr. Sun Fo said until military action ceased it was not possible to stop price fluctuations entirely. He declared, however, that the Government was seeking effective measures to stabilise markets and admonish people in general not to despair of war on account of the unsettled market conditions.

Analysing the critical situation facing the Government, Dr. Sun Fo asserted that from the military viewpoint the Nationalist side had made mistakes during the past by trying to hold cities alone.

No Mobility

Thus they left the vast countryside with its material resources and manpower for exploitation and effective use by the Communists, and allowed the initiative to pass into Communist hands by engaging mainly in positional warfare, instead of adopting mobile tactics. Politically, the Premier added, the Government's mistake had been adopting policies that were either ill conceived or ineffective. He particularly singled out regional administrations for failure to enforce policies that were intended for complete mobilisation of manpower and material resources in the countryside to bolster the Nationalist war effort. He gave this as the main reason for the rapid growth of Communist strength.

Peace Hopes

Hopes of peace in Shanghai. Meanwhile, were given a push today by Chinese reports that the Communist New Year broadcast indicated that within the Communist Party—or political parties led by the Communists—there was also an opposition group favouring negotiations for peace now.

Britain Warns Of War Danger

Chicago, January 3.
The danger is growing that Britain may become involved in a war at the side of the Arab nations against the Jews.

Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the United States, has notified the State Department of this—according to the Chicago Sun-Times. In a dispatch from his London correspondent, Frederick Kerr, the paper said: "This is stated at least to have been the clear inference of the Ambassador's message in a conversation on Friday with the acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett." The Kerr dispatch said: "The mounting successes of the Israeli Army are causing the British Labour Government intense anxiety." "At a press conference (in London) a Foreign Office spokesman simply described the Palestinian situation as 'confused' and declined to comment beyond confirming that Mr. Lovett and Sir Oliver Franks talked on this subject." "Higher British officials, however, are saying the United

The Communist Radio is said to have urged that the revolution—any movement—cannot be abandoned in mid-stream and that this is the time for groups under Communist leadership to test whether all would push towards a similar goal of absolute victory, or whether there should be a parting of company. This was reported to be the first and only reference that the Communist Radio ever made that a peace faction also existed within Communist ranks.

Chang Watched

Meanwhile, in Nanking, Nationalist officials kept their powerful radio receivers tuned in on the Communist radio station for Communist reaction to President Chiang's peace message.

Nanking observers are closely watching General Chang Chih-chung, one of the policy-making Ministers without portfolio in the new Cabinet, and one of the leading peace advocates. Unconfirmed reports claim that General Chang has been consulting the Soviet Ambassador in Nanking and also holding discussions at the President's Office and the residence of the Vice-President, General Li Tsung-jen, as well as with members of the Executive Yuan.—Router.

ANTI-TITO BODY IN BULGARIA

Sofia, January 3.
The creation of an anti-Tito organisation, comprising Yugoslavs who have been forced to leave the country, was announced in Sofia today.

Called the "People's Front of Yugoslavs in Bulgaria," it aims at fighting narrow nationalism working for the creation of a south Slav federation and seeks to educate members in the spirit of true democracy and patriotism and international solidarity.—Associated Press.

The dispatch said that in view of current Israeli successes, in particular at Fajla where Israeli soldiers have surrounded the Egyptian garrison, the Egyptian Government may demand prompt British military intervention. The dispatch continued: "Besides the danger of being implicated by Egypt, Britain is worried about becoming involved in Transjordan or possibly by both nations, to whom Britain is bound in military alliances.—Associated Press.

Chinese Trooper



A Nationalist soldier sits on his pack with his feet in the mud as he puffs on his pipe during a pause in the march towards the front, in Nanking. He is one of the thousands of troopers being rushed to the South bank of the Yangtze River to make a final defence of the capital.—AP Photo.

Marshal Li Leaves HK; Nanking Speculates On Purpose Of Trip

Following receipt of several telegraphic requests, Marshal Li Chai-sum, 61-year-old Chairman of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, has left by sea for North China. The "China Mail" learned from sources close to the dissident Chinese political parties in Hong Kong that the Marshal was accompanied by an aide, and two other political leaders.

The two other leaders were Mo Tun, well known Chinese writer and novelist, and Chang Lan, former Chairman of the China Democratic League. Marshal Li, it was learned, wrote a letter to the Hong Kong authorities on the eve of his departure by the ss. Smolny, which left Hong Kong on Christmas Day for Vladivostok via Shanghai.

In his letter, the Marshal expressed his gratitude for the hospitality extended to him by the local authorities during his stay in the Colony.

The "China Mail" understands that Marshal Li had no intention of going to North China to participate in the Communist Party's sponsored Political Consultative Conference, as his representatives are already there.

Unwilling To Go
His departure from Hong Kong was a result of "pressing" cables received from the Communist leaders in North China, the Marshal was unwilling to go.

The same sources said that the Communist Party leaders insisted on the Marshal's presence in North China. They feared he might take part in peace talks with the Central Nationalist Government.

It was said that Marshal Li Chai-sum and the other exiled political leaders are at loggerheads with the Communist Party over several questions relating to the number of representatives to be allowed to participate in the Political Consultative Conference. Marshal Li Chai-sum came to Hong Kong in 1946. Shortly after the Chinese Government outlawed the China Democratic League, he established a Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee here. He rallied the support of all other dissident parties in Hong Kong including the League which, dissolved by its Chairman at Shanghai, was re-established in Hong Kong. The Associated Press correspondent in Hong Kong reports that the Marshal's course to North China was said to be via North Korea and Harbin. He added that it is the same route taken by other delegates who preceded the Marshal.

New Government
It is presumed that Marshal Li is en route to a rendezvous for a conference with the Numbers One and Two Chinese Communists Mo Tse-tung and Chou En-lai at which might be formed a government composed of the Communists and of other elements outlawed by the Kuomintang Nationalists. Li's absence from Hong Kong was discovered when he was

SWEEPING INQUIRY BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Misappropriations, Waste Alleged

Paris, January 3.
The French Government, facing a threatened political crisis, today prepared to open a sweeping inquiry into charges of misappropriation and waste of millions of francs of public funds.

The Government acted swiftly to follow up the charges made in a report of the official Court of Accounts for the year 1946-47. Last night the National Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution calling for a full investigation by February 1 and exemplary punishment of those responsible.

U.S. Air Crash Kills Fourteen Yale Students

Seattle, January 3.
Fourteen persons were killed and 13 others injured when a plane bearing 27 Yale University students and three crew crashed on an ice-covered runway in Boeing Field, Coroner John P. Brill, Jr., said today.

There students escaped uninjured. Three of the 13 injured were admitted to hospital in critical condition.

The twin-engine DC-3 plane faltered on its take-off, the runway which is a sheet of ice. The plane ploughed into a hangar and burst into flames.

The students, all of whom lived in the Pacific North West, had contributed to hire the plane from the Seattle Air Charter Company to fly them back to Yale at New Haven, Connecticut, after the holidays. The plane previously brought them home from school for vacation.

A heavy fog held all major airlines planes on the field, but the Seattle air charter non-schedule flight took off with its load of students to return them to Yale in time for classes. Civil Aeronautics Administration officials said the tail section broke away when it crashed.—United Press.

Labour Commissioner Meets Taxi Co. Officials

The eight representatives of the taxi companies operating in Hong Kong and Kowloon conferred with the Labour Commissioner, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, yesterday afternoon, after he had seen the representatives of the Motorcar Drivers' Association.

The Labour Commissioner informed the owners that the strikers have proposed, first, a daily wage of \$7, secondly, full pay for the full period of the strike, and, thirdly, reinstatement of all strikers. These conditions, it was learned from reliable sources, have been refused by the employers, who reiterated that the present situation was caused by the strikers and not by them. They pointed out that on September 17 the Association presented to them what amounted to an ultimatum and that, on their refusal to accept it, a partial walk-out was staged at the Star Taxi Co., while a go-slow strike was inaugurated in the other concerns.

"We had no alternative but to take our cabs off the road and to inform the men that their services were no longer required. When they insisted on their terms being accepted, we were forced to train new men as we could not possibly hold up services indefinitely," said an owner to the "China Mail" late last night.

Another meeting will be held between the Labour Commissioner and the owners today, after which Mr. Hawkins will meet all the striking drivers at the Confucian Society Hall, Caroline Hill, in the afternoon. In the meantime, 85 cabs were operating in Kowloon yesterday, and 92 on the island. The taxis on the mainland have been operating from the Star Ferry wharf stand, but will re-occupy all their former ranks in a day or two. All strikes on the island, with the

Mr. Christian Pineau, Acting Finance Minister, said that inquiries would be conducted without regard to political consequences.

The demand for an inquiry followed a long report by the French National Audit Office on the accounts of the Government departments for the year 1946-1947. It accused Government departments of illegally spending public money on lavish furnishing of flats requisitioned for ministers or their staffs.

It also alleged that large quantities of spirits, wines, aperitifs, clothes, lingerie and other things were requisitioned by ministries for military purposes. The procedure adopted and the articles requisitioned certainly do not appear to have anything at all to do with the conduct of military operations, the report commented.

To Meet Every Fancy

The fact that a man was wearing a military uniform seems to have been interpreted as giving him the right to requisition to meet every conceivable need and every fancy.

The report also drew attention to the large number of cars attached to some ministries, 2,600 liaison cars and 1,200 utility vehicles for the War Ministry, 700 cars for the Ministry of Reconstruction, 200 for the Ministry of Education and 100 for the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Flight Wing newspaper Le "nouveau" predicted that the inquiry will not disturb anybody except the indispensable scapegoats. The MRP newspaper said that his trouble began with the absence of parliamentary control during the occupation and added: "It is even clearer that if one wishes to revive the liking for and the service of the common good, one does not begin by undermining the institutions which have helped them to be born again.—United Press and Reuter.

London Has First Snow

London, January 3.
London and Southern England had the first snow of winter last night and this morning. Falls were not heavy. Light-snowing ripped roofs off four pre-fabricated-houses at Dover during a hailstorm. A water-spout, half a mile high, travelled from near Beachy Road to Hastings.

The Thames has risen to 12 feet, 8 inches—nearly five feet above normal—at Maidenhead.

A gale forced the Dieppe-Newhaven steamer Arramanches back from Newhaven and the passengers landed 24 hours late after a second landing. Eleven of 14 passengers were injured when a double-decker was blown off a bridge into the river at Shoreham on Saturday night. They were detained in hospital.—Reuter.

Russian Queries On Japan

Tokyo, January 3.
The Russian member of the Allied Council for Japan has called for four-power discussion of the Japanese police force.

Lieutenant General Kuzma Dorevyanko, Russian member of the Council, has placed the subject on the agenda for Wednesday's regular session. General Dorevyanko did not indicate just what he wanted to discuss regarding the police, but the item as placed on the agenda gave him plenty of room.

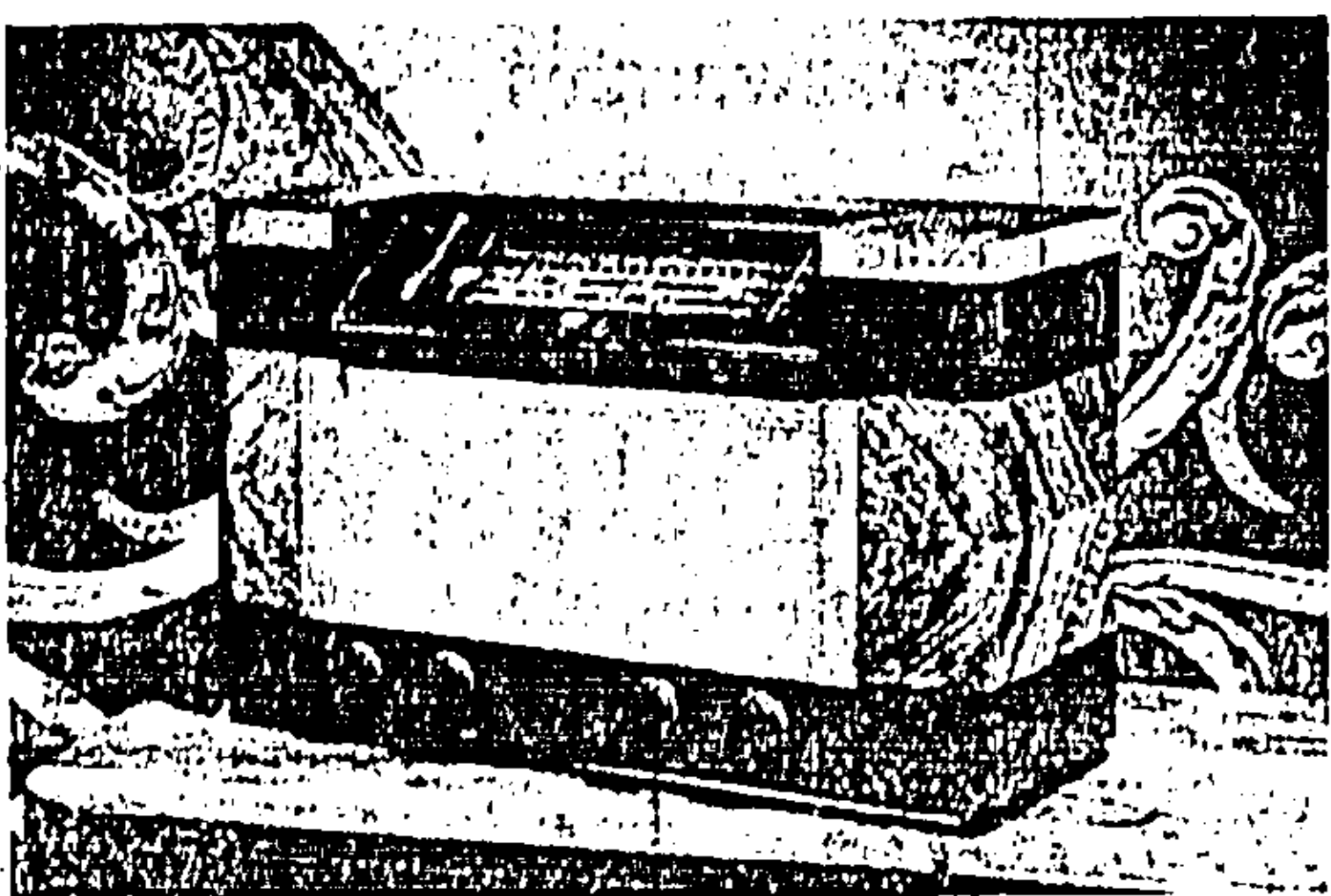
He worded it: "Regarding Japanese police forces."

For some time Russian officials and propaganda agencies around the world have complained that the United States' programme called for building up Japanese police units as a basis for a future Japanese army.

The Russian attacks usually have followed statements by the Americans on the need for adequate police protection in Japan, which has no military forces to put down disturbances.—United Press.

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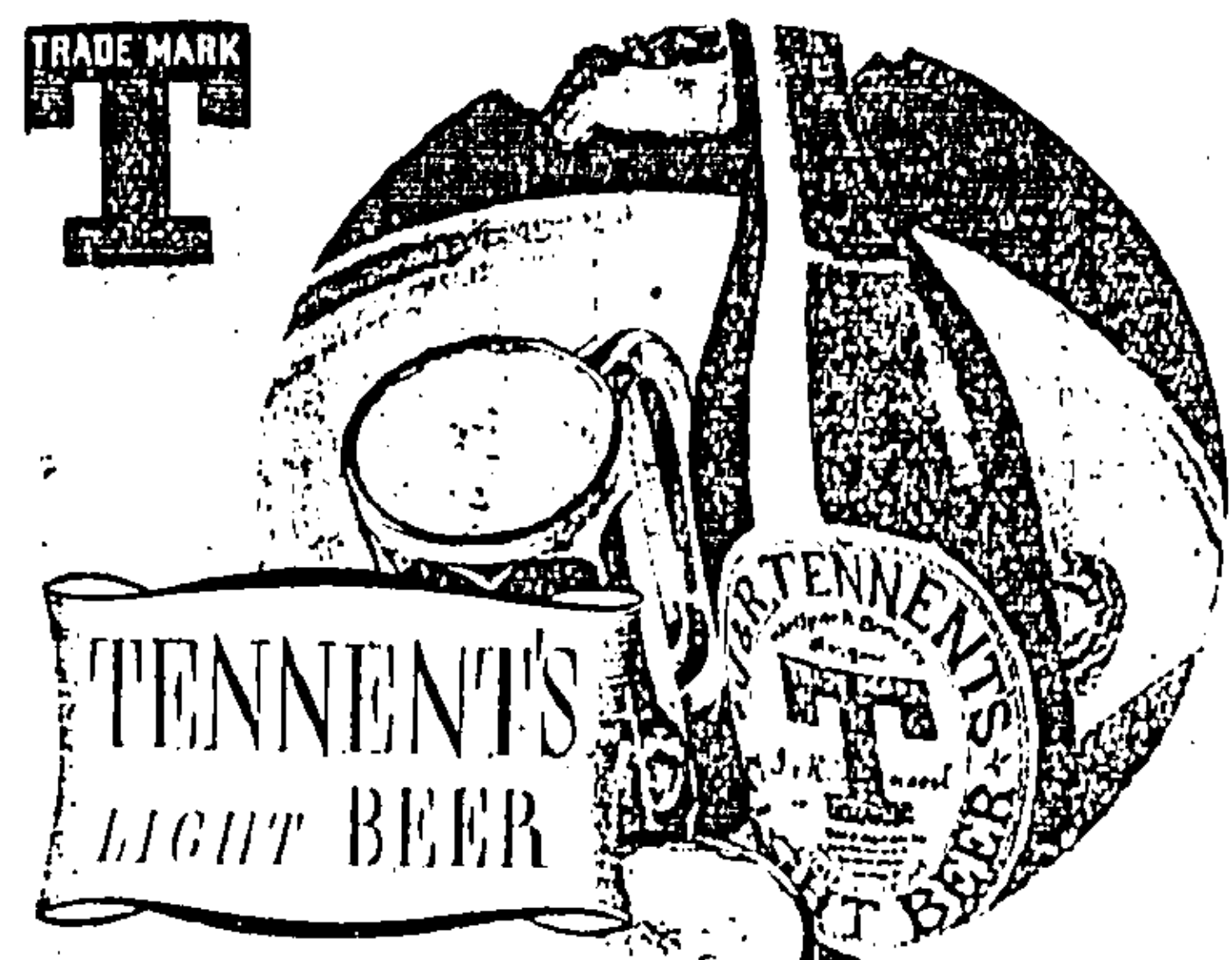
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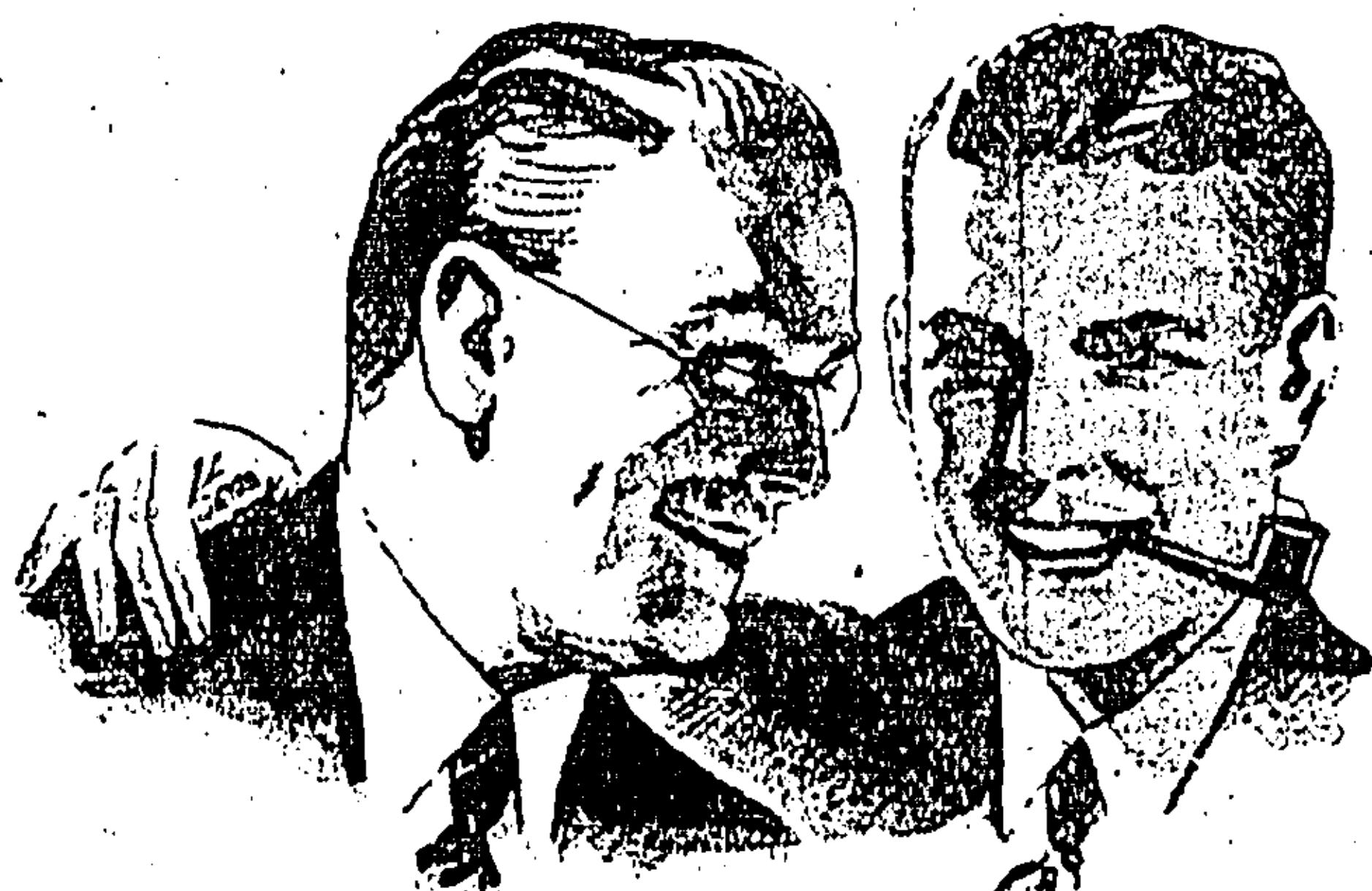
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Chinese Products Exhibit Declared Big Success

Sales amounting to some HK\$2,500,000 were made at the 19-day Hong Kong Chinese Products Exhibition, sponsored by the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, the "China Mail" was officially informed yesterday.

It is estimated that more than 500,000 people visited the Exhibition which closed on Sunday. These included 395,922 who paid for admission. The remainder was made up of school children in parties and members of the different commercial and industrial associations in the Colony.

In addition, many officials and community leaders were invited to the exhibition by the Union.

An official of the Manufacturers' Union said yesterday that many overseas buyers have made direct contact with local factories. As a

result of the contacts and visits to the Exhibition, many factories have received orders.

The Exhibition was described as the biggest success of its kind in the history of the Manufacturers' Union. Not a single complaint was received and not a single case of pickpocketing was reported during the 19 days.

Order was maintained throughout the period though the co-operative efforts of the police and Boy Scouts.

The Chinese Manufacturers' Union has decided that surplus receipts be used for the establishment of a technical institution for the benefit of local factories.

In his speech on the closing night of the Exhibition, Mr. Shum Choy-wah, Chairman of the Manufacturers' Union, said that the success was due to the efforts and participation in the Exhibition of the local factories.

He said that the Union is preparing to take part in the British Industries Fair in May. He added that the opportunity should not be overlooked.

Government Not To Take New Hotel

The requisitioning of a five-storey newly-built hotel on the Mainland was planned by the Quartermaster General, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

As a result of negotiations between Government and the hotel manager, it was understood yesterday that the requisitioning will not take place now.

The hotel in question is the Hotel Miramar, in Kimberley Road, Kowloon. It is owned by the Spanish Procurement.

Rumours circulated during the week-end said that the hotel had been requisitioned for Government service and that the tenants had been informed they would have to find alternative premises.

Mr. Carlos M. Agon, Managing Partner of Hotel Miramar, said yesterday Government's plan to requisition the building was dropped when it was found out that the place was being operated as a public hotel.

Construction of the building at the cost of HK\$3,000,000 began 10 months ago. The building has been rented by a group of businessmen and is being operated as a hotel. It has air conditioning and heating equipment.

The building contains 60 rooms divided into 10 suites. On the ground floor is a restaurant. The rooms are furnished with fittings specially ordered from America. Bathrooms have square bath tubs. A lift for the convenience of residents on the upper floors is being installed.

In front of the hotel building, which is away from the road, is a large garden. Most of the residents are foreigners. Several suites have been taken up by staffs of one British aviation company, an American aviation company and an American shipping company.

Judgment In Tenancy Appeal Reserved

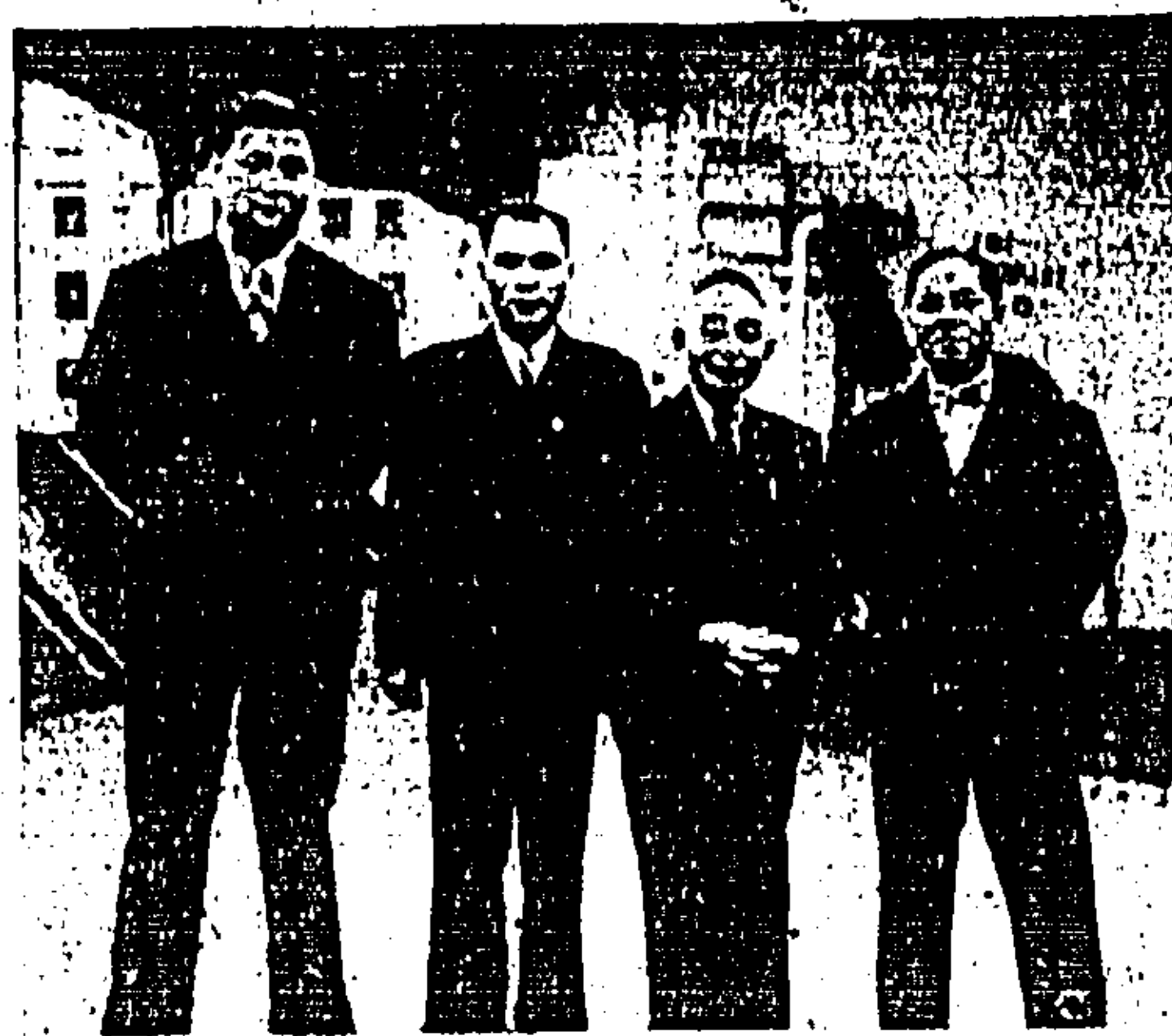
Judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice Reynolds yesterday when the tenancy appeal case in respect of Nos. 2 & 4 Pau Cheung Street, Hung Hom, concluded.

The appellant, T.T. Kong, occupied the premises occupied against the decision of the Tenancy Tribunal which ordered him to give up possession of the premises to Ding Gow, the owner, who claimed that Kong was a trespasser.

The ground of appeal stated that the Tenancy Tribunal's order was wrong in that it had no jurisdiction on the finding of fact to make the order, in as much as the appellant's title was derived from the landlord and the tribunal had no jurisdiction to evict, whatever jurisdiction there might be being vested in the Supreme Court, that there was no evidence of the termination of the contractual relationship between the parties, that the tenancy tribunal order was based on the wrong assumption that the appellant was seeking statutory protection, that in any event the expenditure of money in repairs would be equivalent to pecuniary rent; and that the finding was against the weight of evidence.

The respondent brought a counter appeal on the grounds that the tenancy tribunal finding that the appellant was a tenant of the premises and not a trespasser, should be varied and set aside; that the finding of the tribunal was against the weight of evidence and was wrong in law.

Yesterday's proceedings were confined to legal arguments between Mr. M.A. da Silva, for the appellant, and Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. P.L. Lam, for respondent.



Mr. Hsu Shi Ying, former Chinese Ambassador to Japan and recently chairman of the Tibetan-Mongolian Commission, is on holiday in Hong Kong. Mr. Hsu is seen here, second from right, with other former Chinese Government officials on his arrival here by the General Meigs yesterday.—"China Mail" Photo.

Harbour Traffic Offenders Fined

A total fine of \$1,635 was imposed on several harbour traffic offenders by Mr. D. G. Cairns at the Marine Court yesterday.

A 27-year-old boat master, charged with operating an unsurveyed motor junk, being underway without a certificated master and a certificated engineer, was fined \$800 on all counts.

SI Nippard, prosecuting officer, told the court that the vessel was licensed as an ordinary fishing junk, but she had two engines installed and has not been surveyed since their installation.

Defendant, pleading guilty, said that he was testing the engines when one broke down, forcing him to anchor within British waters.

Charged without having qualified personnel aboard and operating an unlicensed vessel, two boat masters were each fined \$300. Wong Cheung pleaded that he was trying to save time by going through British waters. He normally plied between Chinese ports in Chinese waters.

Lam Kai-wang said his engines broke down en route and he had to anchor in British waters for repairs.

For mooring his vessel at a distance less than 100 yards from the pier, he was fined \$10. The vessel was towed to the Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Chow Sai, boat mistress, was fined \$10.

Failing to display the necessary towing lights when towing a cargo

Signalman H. Bragg, aged 25, of 10 Dry Dock, was fined \$20 for driving car No. 9094 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant was summoned after he was involved in an accident at the intersection of Garden Road and Lower Albert Road.

Wong Wing-sang, aged 30, a broker, was co-defendant, being charged with allowing Bragg to drive the car, which belongs to him.

Wong said that the first defendant had claimed to be in possession of a licence, but did not state that it had expired last June. Wong was then discharged.

On Holiday In Hong Kong

Driver Of Robber Car Fined On Two Counts At Kowloon Magistrate

"You have not only actually assisted the three armed robbers to escape but you have also, for three hours, refused to furnish the police with the information they desired."

With the above, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday sentenced Chu Wing-hong alias Chu Leung, 40-year-old cargo supervisor living at 96 Fa Yuen Street, second floor, to fines totalling \$1,150 on the counts of causing public mischief and of using a private car for public hire.

Defendant, defended by Mr. E. F. Hammond and Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Meier, was stated by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, to be the driver of the car in which three of the armed men made a get-away after the armed robbery at the Kwong Sang Goldsmith shop at Shanghai Street and which resulted in Police Constable 1157 Tang Kwun being fatally shot in the ensuing gun duel.

At 6.45 p.m. on November 9, 1948, said DSI Leslie, there was an armed robbery at the goldsmith shop. While the robbers were getting away, PC 1157 stopped them. Shots were exchanged by the men and the constable, with the police officer being killed in the duel.

Shortly after midnight on November 10, DSI Leslie received information from detectives that car 3570 was seen leaving Portland Street at the time of the shooting, or shortly after, with two or three men in it.

Says Private Car

DSI Leslie contacted the Hong Kong Traffic Office and from the records obtained the name and address of the licensee, At 2.45 p.m. on November 11, a party to 3570 was seen leaving Portland Street where he saw the private car. He questioned several people who claimed to be working in the office which operated the car, and one of them took the police to 98 Fa Yuen Street, second floor, where defendant was found.

Defendant told DSI Leslie that he did not know who was the driver of car 3570 at the time in question and said that he had to look up the office files. At 3.15 p.m. on November 11, he persisted in saying that he did not know the driver.

"I then made it clear to him, through DSI Fung Shee-lung, that in the previous evening at 6.45 p.m. an armed robbery had occurred at the Kwong Sang Goldsmith shop, and in the course of that a constable had been killed. I also told him that I had information that private car 3570 had left from Portland Street with some of the robbers. He still refused to say who the driver was, said DSI Leslie.

At the Hong Kong Police Station, the car was searched and an empty cartridge was found under the driver's seat. When accused still persisted in his denial, a Miss Wong, who worked in the same office as defendant, was sent for. When she was called, on her information, accused was again questioned.

Admits Being Driver

He then admitted that he was the driver of the car, and that he had been hired by two men to take them to Castle Peak, and that while on the way they changed their mind and told him to take them to Portland Street.

He further claimed that, after a short wait, they forced him at the point of the gun to drive them away.

DSI Leslie added that, in fairness to the accused, he had checked on the story and found it true. Taking the witness stand, defendant said that he had been hired by two strangers to take them to Castle Peak for \$15. One of the men sat beside him, and the other at the back.

Near the Majestic Theatre the hirers changed their mind, and told him to drive to Portland Street where the one sitting at the back alighted. After waiting for five or six minutes, he left the car and walked to the rear with the other man following him.

In the ensuing conversation, he was told by the stranger that this man was a travelling trader dealing in olives. A few minutes later, he heard shots and saw people running. He saw two men running towards the car. The one in the lead had a gun in his hand.

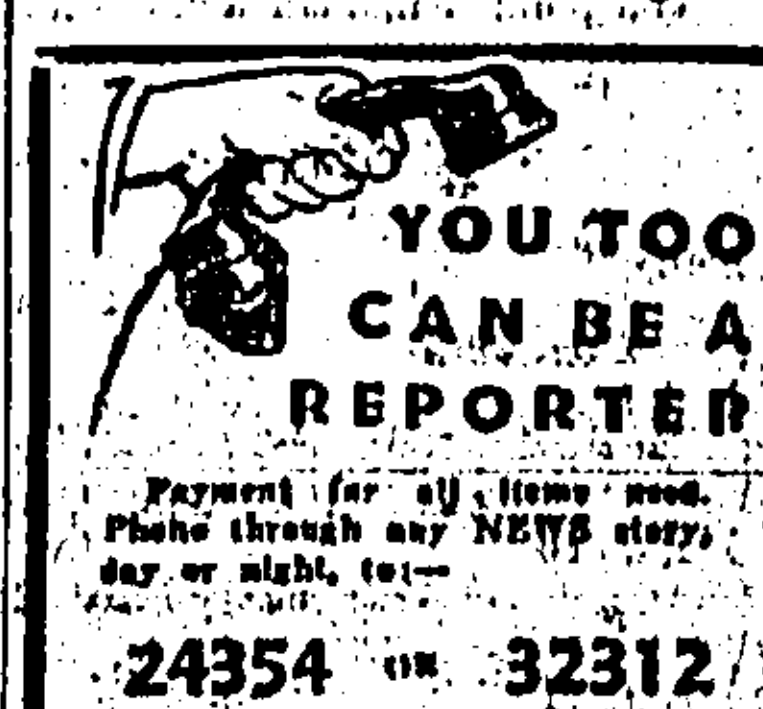
After further legal arguments, the Chief Justice reserved his decision until 10 a.m. today.

CAN'T MAKE LIVING ELSEWHERE

"I don't like Hong Kong, but I can't make a living elsewhere," said Leo Ming, aged 67, charged at Central yesterday, with hawkling without a licence.

Defendant is from Sunlow and has been twice deported from the Colony.

The magistrate, Mr. F.K. d'Almada, sentenced him to six weeks imprisonment and recommended him to be banished once again.



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"General Meigs" Arrives:**RESUMPTION OF APL PASSENGER SERVICE**

The ss. General M. C. Meigs arrived here yesterday to mark the resumption of the American President Lines' express passenger service between San Francisco and the Far East—disrupted since September 2 last year by the American maritime strike.

Visiting Hong Kong again after nearly 100 days of idleness at the American port, the liner brought more than 1,600 passengers from the United States, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai; about 950 disembarked here.

The General Meigs will leave for Manila today with about 600 Hong Kong passengers, including 420 Chinese deck travellers, most of whom are American-bound.

The APL liner arrived in the colony shortly after 11 a.m. and tied alongside Kowloon Wharf No. 1. Her crew, with her grey silver hull and the two towering "APL" funnels, presented a spectacular harbour sight to the hundreds of waiting friends and relatives thronging the Wharf.

Among the arrivals were a number of missionaries going to Manila or the United States, including a group of Chinese students sent by their Government to study in America, several Indian businessmen "evacuating from North China," and Chinese returnees visiting their native villages for the New Year festivities.

En route to the United States on an educational tour, sponsored by the Chinese National Association of the Mass Education Movement, are Mr. Chang Shan-fang and Mr. Meng Shou-geung. Both will collect data on the various methods of education practised in America to be utilised in China.

Brief Tour

On a brief tour of the colony, guests of Mr. T. Baja, Hong Kong Philippine Consul, are Mr. and Mrs. L. Padilla, who are leaving for Manila. Mr. Padilla is the General Manager of the Manila-based Hollow Tile Company, which manufactures concrete blocks for

Smart Work On Part Of Detectives

Smart work on the part of Detective-constables 570 and 1046 resulted in the recovery of a quantity of jewellery and the arrest of the thief as she was about to board the train for Canton a few hours after the theft.

When Lo Ah-sam, 39-year-old amah employed at 6 Somerset Road, ground floor, was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the complainant, another employee of the address, found, at 10.30 a.m. on December 30 last, her suit-case opened and the jewellery and \$50 in cash missing.

She made a report to the police, saying that she suspected accused who left the house earlier in the morning. Detective-constables 570 and 1046 went with her to the Kowloon-Canton Railway station and, shortly after 2 p.m., saw accused about to board the train for Canton.

The six gold rings, pair of gold earrings, two gold chains and two gold bracelets were found in her possession, in addition to \$30.15 in cash.

When charged at the police station, accused admitted stealing the jewellery but denied taking the money.

She was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

building construction. He is also the foreign representative of several important American firms.

Returning to the Colony after a two-year study in the University of Hawaii was Miss Magdalen Tiu, formerly of the Northcote Training College. Miss Tiu has completed a course in kindergarten teaching.

Mr. Hsu Shi-yung, former Chinese Ambassador to Japan and who had resigned recently from the Tibetan-Mongolian Commission, came here on holiday. Mr. Hsu intends remaining in Hong Kong with his family.

Two newspaper correspondents embarked at Shanghai for San Francisco. They are Miss Leung Ah-joh, of the Chinese National Government Information Bureau, Nanking, and Mr. A. A. Ullstein, of the United Press, Shanghai.

Proceeding to America with his family is Professor Ku Pei-moo, of the MIT Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mr. A. Roehlin, a well-known pharmacist, is returning to America after many years in China. He is accompanied by his wife.

Among the missionaries is Dr. Fred Munget, leading medical missionary in China.

Erratic Attitude

"The Chinese Communists are erratic in their attitude towards religion," the missionaries told the "China Mail." In a big city like Tientsin, they are tolerated and allowed a little freedom. In small towns, churches are occupied by the military, priests were persecuted and public meetings forbidden.

The Reds, they stated, are apparently changing their attitude since last month. Missionaries are better treated nowadays, even in small cities, they declared.

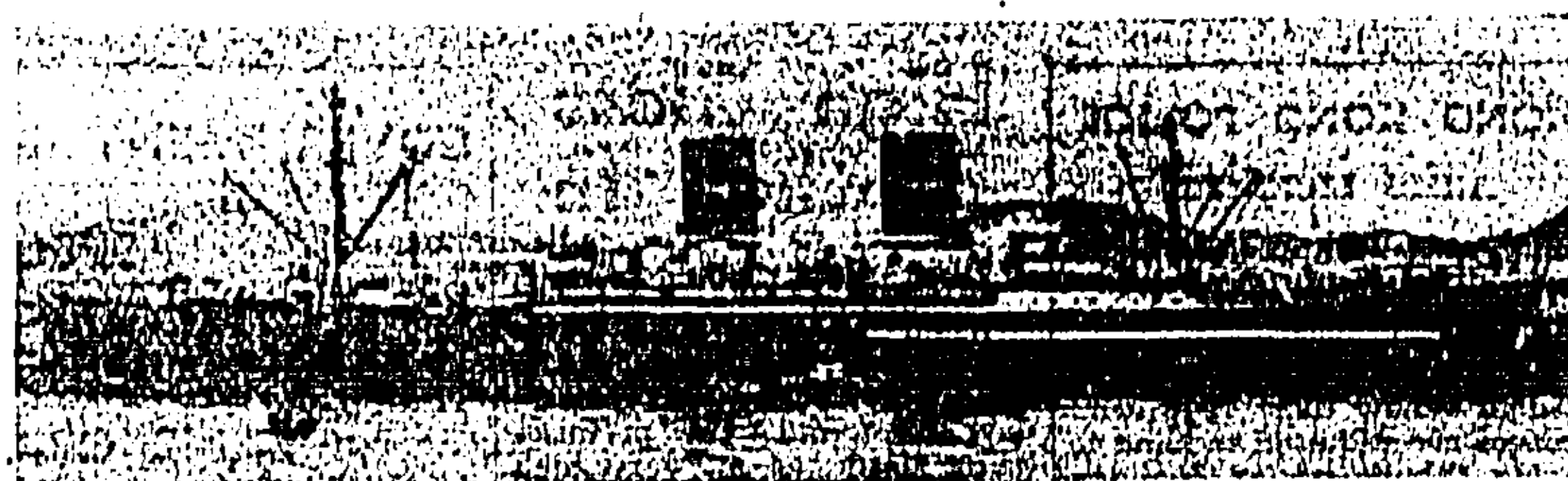
The Chinese mass are taking the impending Red threat with characteristic stoicism, they asserted. The majority cannot evacuate or flee from their homes. The foreign community, on the other hand, are depending on the American Marines to protect their interests.

There has been no special evacuation of missionaries in North China. Many of those who left China were returning to spend their furlough at home. The missionaries will carry on despite the odds they are facing, they stated.

Passengers in the General Meigs spent Christmas aboard, when three days before reaching Yokohama. Second steward N. Fabe dressed up like Santa Claus and distributed gifts to the children.

The New Year holidays were spent ashore at Shanghai. Among those who embarked here for San Francisco are Mr. Karl J. Borden, Mrs. E. S. Bernard, Dr. Fritz Fisher, Mrs. Emma Fischer, Miss Orozco Grimanese, Dr. Franklin Lien Ho, Miss C. Macias, Mr. John Oddy, Mr. George Parry, Mr. R. P. Reed, Mr. J. W. Senforn, Mr. A. Trueman, Miss M. Uspensky, and Mr. James O. Whynott.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Johann Fried Schar, missionary of Basel Mission Home, and Miss Ruth Valerie Coradi, missionary, of the same address.



SS: GENERAL MEIGS

Application For Order Of Eviction

An application for an eviction order was heard before Mr. V. J. L. D'Aiton at the Tenancy Tribunal yesterday in respect of the ground floor premises at 67B Des Voeux Road Central.

The applicants, Messrs. Anderson Meyer and Company Limited, of David House, Des Voeux Road, Central, were represented by Mr. D. H. Evans. The respondents, the Apollo Book Company, were represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

The applicants claim that they were the pre-war tenants of 67B Des Voeux Road Central. In October 1945, these premises were let on a monthly basis to Chan Kin-kung who opened a book store and traded by the name of Apollo Book Company. Subsequent to March 1946, one Wu Guang-yau, was taken on as a partner by Chan and on August 31, 1947, Chan sold and transferred the whole of the premises to Wu without the consent or knowledge of the applicants.

Mr. A. H. Kew, Assistant Manager of the applicant's firm, was called to testify that Wu came into his office some time after March 1948, and told him that he was the sole owner of the premises. Mr. Kew said that rent was not accepted since that time, so that at present rent for several months was due.

Hearing was adjourned until January 26 at 10.30 a.m. after further testimony had been given.

INQUEST INTO STANLEY DEATHS

An inquest into the death of two prisoners at Stanley was held at Central yesterday. Mr. F. X. d'Almeida sat as Coroner.

Cheung Tak, aged 45, sentenced to six months' imprisonment on December 2, last year, for keeping an opium den, died of a duodenal ailment due to opium poisoning a fortnight later.

Yung Yung, aged 34, also sentenced to six months on October 18 last year for keeping an opium den, died of peritonitis on December 15 at Queen Mary Hospital.

The jury arrived at an unanimous verdict of death in accordance with the medical evidence in each case.

HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public subscriptions to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between December 11 and 27 follow:

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Fook, HK\$ 100.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Whitwell, 100.00
H.M. Victroling Yard Office and Store, Asiatic Staff, Kowloon, 50.00

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Personalia

The Rev. Fr. T. F. Ryan will speak on "The Social Conditions of Hong Kong" at the Public Relations Office lecture room tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. The lecture is sponsored by the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council.

Mr. K. M. A. Barnett has been appointed to act as Colonial Secretary during the absence of Mr. D. M. MacDougall who is on local leave.

Captain R. D. Barrett will address the Kowloon Rotary Club on Thursday at the Peninsula Hotel at 12.30 p.m. His subject will be "Dots and Dashes."

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stocker, Mr. and Mrs. S. Weinkoper, Messrs. Liang Han-ran, G. Baskett, A. F. Kolonie, M. Yollo, and Quen Vinh left for Indo-China by Air France during the holidays.

Messrs. M. Andrade, John Zylstra, Ly Binh, G. Decroix, A. F. Kolonie, M. Yollo, and Quen Vinh left for Saigon by Air France yesterday.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Captain and Mrs. S. Skarn, Mrs. H. Aiken, Mrs. S. Weinkoper, Mrs. P. Canning, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lerequier, Mrs. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pimley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stocker, Mrs. C. Dickenson, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Herdman, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bunney, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Capotosto, Mrs. P. Maxwell, Messrs. F. E. Sokayne, W. A. Shewry, H. F. Soo, Y. H. Fong, D. L. Gordon, E. B. S. Cressy, C. Maxwell, G. H. Herant, A. E. Hughes, A. Burley, F. B. H. Smith, R. A. Eckford, F. Saden, J. J. O'Brien, C. R. Crooks, M. Fothost, and Mr. Fienness.

Among the week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Miss Vasanthi Rau, Miss M. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Chu, Mrs. A. H. Adams, Mrs. Joan Allen, Mrs. A. C. Sinslair, Colonel J. E. Brice, Messrs. F. M. Sternfeld, S. J. Bennett, R. T. Down, A. Cuillermin, Harvey Tom, K. Lund, R. A. Vinke, Y. C. Wang, H. L. Berham, and W. Thomann.

Mr. J. J. Paskin, one of the Assistant Under-Secretaries of State at the Colonial Office will visit Malaya and Hong Kong in January. He will be in Hong Kong from January 13 to 21.

This wedding took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday of Mr. Arthur Erik Bond, R.N., of HMS Tamar, and Miss Daphne Maria Tleehurst, A.S., of 39 Macdonnell Road. Witnesses were Chan Shing-wa and Chan Seng-kut.

HMS Sussex Sails For Portsmouth

HMS Sussex sailed for Portsmouth yesterday afternoon to end her Far East commission, taking with her the last consignment of 4,874 lb. of gift food, sent by the present Ladies' Committee, Food-Parcels for Britain Fund.

A royal send-off was given to her by members of her crew aboard HMS Belfast, which escorted her out of local waters, the Band and Drums of the Buffs and a special detachment of 26th Field Regiment Royal Artillery.

The last of the three-funnelled cruisers which had visited China waters since 1929, HMS Sussex is due to reach Portsmouth on February 21, and will incidentally celebrate the end of her commission with her 21st birthday the day after she is due home.

The RA Band played "farewell" marches as HMS Sussex pulled out from the dockyard. Well-wishers embarked on Army vessels to wave farewell. HMS Constantine, Black Swan and Dampier gave her a rousing send-off.

HMS Sussex will end her only commission in the Far East. She was present, however, at Singapore on September 12, 1945, for the ceremonial surrender of the Japanese to Admiral Mountbatten. Re-commissioned at Chatham early in 1947, she arrived out here in June, 1947, and spent her early months in Japanese waters as flagship of the British Occupation Force, Force "T." After the withdrawal of that force, she was often in the Colony. She went to Singapore to refit and also spent some time in Shanghai.

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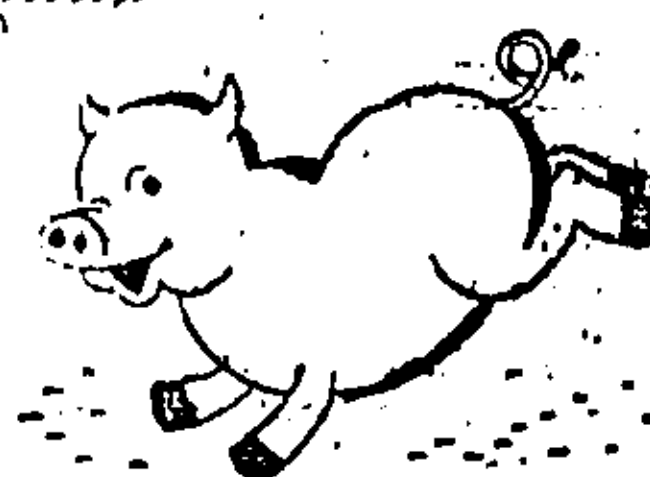
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A Weak Case

Sir, Unlike Eben Eugene, and Chmidt, I was not afflicted in spirit by the appearance of K.J.H. letter, nor am I aware that Dr. Johnson sanctioned the use of the word loan. The lecture which produced "No Loans" is indicative of the bureaucratic spirit which has produced in equally show time, the Leighton Hill Flats and the reports on Control of Hotel Rates.

Vox Populi Vox Dei should be the principal underlying acceptability in language, as it is underlying healthy government.

I would remind K.J.H. of the story told by Sydney Smith of Mrs. Parkington, the Torquay landlady, who armed with a broom tried to resist and equivo- cal gale.

Mrs. Parkington was determined, so was the Atlantic; in the end Mrs. Parkington had to yield to superior force.

K.J.H. has a weak case, and has not supported his contention with SEMPER MUTUUM.

A Pol In Need?

Sir,—As the representative of an airline using Kai Tak and its facilities, I take a very dim view of your persecution of Mr. A.J.R. Moss. Too easily are the feelings of the press hurt. Your retaliatory methods are inclined to be vicious and unfair.

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HONG KONG POLICE ARMS LICENCES

1. Arms licences are due for renewal as from 1st January, 1940. Fee \$20.00.

2. Persons who do not intend to renew their 1940 arms licences are required to hand in during the month of January, 1940, their 1940 licences and the arms licensed thereunder to the Police Station nearest the address at which the arms are normally kept. A temporary receipt will be given. An official receipt, together with the account for Police storage of the arms at a fee of \$1.00 per month per weapon, will be forwarded later to the owner concerned.

3. Persons, intending to renew their 1940 arms licences will present their arms for inspection during the month of January, 1940, at the Police Station nearest the address at which the arms are normally kept, together with the 1940 arms licence and two recent passport size photographs. Arms will be retained by the owner after inspection and a temporary receipt given for the arms licence. No payment is required at this stage.

4. Subject to the arms being approved for relicensing, an official renewal debit note will be posted to the owner at the address recorded in the licence and Arms Office Register. (Licencees are reminded that failure to notify change of address is a breach of the conditions under which the licence is issued).

5. On payment of the renewal fee at the Treasury, Prince's Building, 1st Floor, the receipted account should be forwarded by mail to the Officer-in-Charge Arms Office, Central Police Station, who will renew the arms licence for 1940 and return it together with the Treasury receipt to the owner by registered post.

6. Persons who fail to initiate action to renew or surrender their 1940 arms licences during January, 1940, will be liable to prosecution.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
1st January, 1940.

SALE OF R.N. STEEL TUG NO. 115

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the above mentioned Steel Tug lying in H.M. Dockyard, Kowloon.

Tender Forms and permission to view will be issued by the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, on the payment of a deposit of H.K.\$1,000.00 to the Cashier, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, from Tuesday to Friday, 4th to 7th January, 1940. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Completed Tender Form should be returned by hand, signed and in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for purchase of R.N. Steel Tug" to this office on or before Noon on Monday 10th January, 1940.

A. J. DAY,
Naval Store Officer.

NOTICE

As of October 1, 1940, I, H. F. Shields, have taken into partnership N. J. Whelpton, L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng., and we will continue to practise dentistry at the former address, Rooms 211/215 (Telephone 27447), Gloucester Building, under the partnership name of "Shields & Whelpton".

As from January 3, 1940, we will also maintain an office in Kowloon at No. 1, Salisbury Road (opposite Kowloon Star Ferry, next to Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharves main gate; Telephone 50245).

H. F. SHIELDS,
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Dated December 30, 1940.

SALE

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High Class Brothel In Austin Rd.

When Inspector H. J. Baldwin raided 87 Austin Road, first floor, at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, he found the premises being used as a "very high class two-girls brothel," with the two Chinese clients claiming to have paid \$50 each.

Charged before Mr. W. I. Lattimer later in the day with permitting her premises to be used as a brothel, Chan Chi-fong, 20-year-old taxi-driver of the Imperial Ballroom, admitted the offence. Her co-defendant, 26-year-old Li Ying, denied the charge and, on the prosecution accepting her plea, was discharged.

Inspector J. Orem said that accused occupied the front sublet and the other girl, Li, the rear room. Chan paid \$220 a month as rent, and collected \$100 from Li.

Defendant told Inspector Baldwin that she had been in the Colony for about nine months and had used the premises for a brothel for the past six weeks.

In asking for the maximum penalty, without the banishment order, Inspector Orem said that the Anti-Vice officer pointed out that this was not the usual run of cases in which the keeper lived on the earnings of the prostitutes. Both girls were operating on their own.

Chan was fined the maximum of \$250 or three months' imprisonment.

J.H.S. Fewkes Aged 72, Dies

Mr. J. H. S. Fewkes, aged 72, died at St. Paul's Hospital on Sunday. He was buried yesterday at the Colonial Cemetery with the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie officiating at the ceremony.

Mr. Fewkes arrived in China during the Boxer rebellion in 1899.

He became connected with the Chinese Maritime Customs and as Chief Appraiser, he retired in 1938.

He was a popular member of the Craigengower Cricket Club. The chief mourners at the funeral were his daughter, Mrs. Sybil Bradley, and his son-in-law, Mr. J. Bradley.

Wreaths were sent by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Souza, and Mr. S. Ramchand. Those who attended the funeral included Mr. H.G. Wooley, Captain A.J. Powell, Mrs. Irene Souza, Mr. C. de S. Robertson, Mr. S.A.R. Bux, Mrs. W.R.N. Stevens, Miss Norma Stevens, Mr. R.A. Stevens, Mr. V. Needa, and members of the Craigengower Cricket Club.

"Y" Debating Season Starts

The Discussion and Debating Group of the European YMCA will open its debating season at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow, when a topical subject, "Unrestricted Immigration" will be considered.

In view of the current cost of living, increasing difficulty in finding accommodation, the water shortage, etc., this question vitally affects every Hong Kong resident, whether Chinese, European or American.

The speakers will include a former superintendent of the Immigration Office. The meeting is open to the public, and everyone is welcome.

From now on, political discussions, lectures etc. of topical interest will be staged regularly at the YMCA.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE

Respectable looking Kan Sun, aged 78, a retired merchant residing at 169 King's Road, was summoned at Central yesterday for being in possession of a tin of raw opium and opium pipes. The old man pleaded guilty, saying that the opium and gear were for his own use.

He was fined \$750 and the opium and pipes ordered to be confiscated and destroyed.

Inspector McKay was in charge of the case.

GOVERNMENT RATION DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL NOTICE

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Holders of Ration Cards Nos. 1001 to 3083 Inclusive
Registered at
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The January Distribution of
SUGAR and BUTTER

will be effected between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. as under

Number	1001 to 1520	Monday	January	3rd	1940
"	1521 to 2041	Tuesday	"	4th	"
"	2042 to 2562	Wednesday	"	5th	"
"	2563 to 3083	Thursday	"	6th	"

QUANTITIES allocated are as follows:—

Sugar (Brown) @ HK\$0.35 per lb. 2 lbs. per person
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Suitable containers must be brought for Sugar.

Special Notice: In order to facilitate the smooth running of Ration Distribution arrangements, we would appreciate customers collecting their rations on the specified days and dates in accordance to the numbers of their own Ration Cards.

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SECTION (A) For Babies Not Over 6 Months SECTION (B) For Babies Not Over 18 Months
SECTION (A) For Babies Not Over 6 Months SECTION (B) For Babies Not Over 18 Months

THE JUDGES OF THE COMPETITION WILL MAKE THEIR SELECTION FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHS AS PUBLISHED IN THE "WEDNESDAY SUPPLEMENT" OF THE "CHINA MAIL". BEFORE THE PRIZEWINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COMPETITION WITH A PRIZE OF \$100 FOR THE PERSON WHO PLACES THE TWELVE PRIZE-WINNING BABIES IN THEIR CORRECT ORDER—AS DECIDED BY THE JUDGES—OR FOR THE PERSON WHO IS MOST NEARLY CORRECT.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SEND A STUDIO PORTRAIT (FOR PREFERENCE) OF YOUR BABY. THE AGE MUST CONFORM TO THE LIMIT STATED FOR EITHER SECTION, AT THE TIME OF ENTRY.

FILL IN COUPON AND CLEARLY MARK YOUR ENVELOPE "BABY COMPETITION" CHINA MAIL, WINDSOR HOUSE.

THE CLOSING DATE OF THE COMPETITION IS SATURDAY, JAN. 15.

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THIS NEWSPAPER WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS COMPETITION.

CHINA MAIL BABY COMPETITION

I have attached the photograph I wish AGE entered for this Competition and state that the baby's age is not over 6 months or 18 months (Delete whichever is inapplicable)

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New Year Greetings

FROM

HON. D. M. MacDOUGALL, C.M.G.
H.M. Colonial Secretary for Hong Kong.

I wish a happy and prosperous New Year to the Far Eastern Economic Review and to the commercial interests of the Colony to which it is dedicated.

The Review is fulfilling an increasingly valuable role in the Commercial world of the Far East and of Hong Kong in particular. As a result of information and articles appearing in it, the Hong Kong authorities have received enquiries and comments from business men in places so far distant as Scandinavia and South Africa. This wide dissemination of commercial information cannot but benefit the industries and trade of our city.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You forgot yourself again, Senator—I told you not to promise those vegetarians a chicken in every pot!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authority"

ENEMY BIDS CAN HELP LISTENING to the opponents' bidding is always important. It is especially helpful when it enables you or your partner to make deductions that show you have a game or slam in the deal. Sometimes this occurs after your partner has shown strength in a particular suit by doubling its bid by the other fellows. In case that is the only suit not stopped in your own hand or by cards indicated through your partner's bids, it may enable you to steer a safe course into No Trumps.

SAK 8
H 8
D A 10 8 4
C A 5 5 2
S Q 10 7 4
H 10 5 4
D Q 2
C K J 7 4
S 8 5 3 2
H A K J 0 3
D J
C 9 8
S J
H Q 7 6 2
D K 7 6 5 3
C 10 3
(Dealer: West North-South vulnerable)

West North East South
Pass 1 D 3 3 S 2 D
Pass 3 D 3 H Dbl.
3 S Dbl. Pass 3 NT
South reckoned, properly, that a game for his vulnerable side would be worth more points than about a three-trick doubled set of his not vulnerable opponents. But he did not know there was probability of a No Trump game until he heard his partner's business double of the spades, which plugged up the only spot in which stoppers had not yet been indicated.

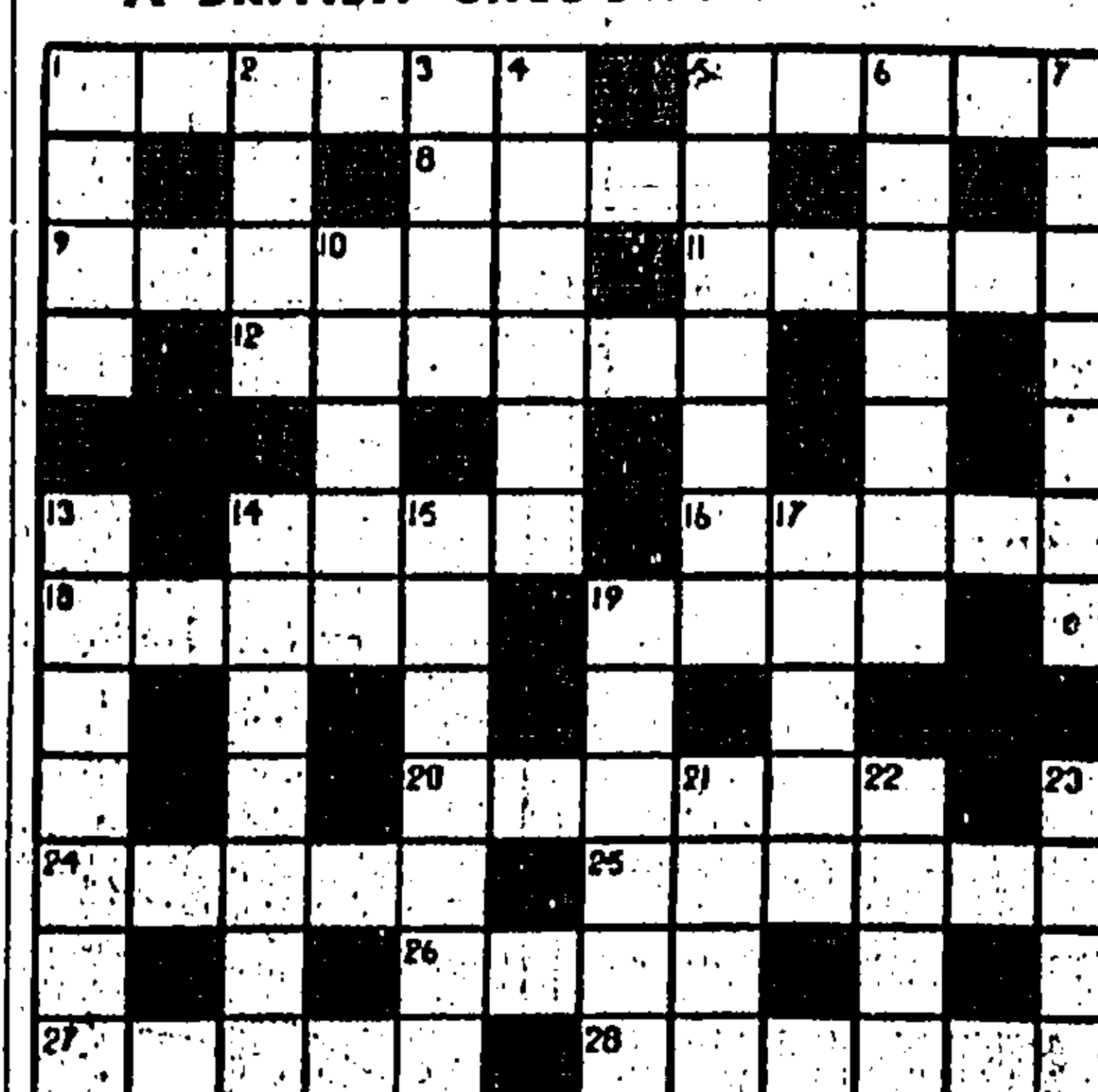
North's double of the spades, in turn, would have been impossible except for South's show of strength in the double of 3-Hearts.

The declarer, one of the finest card players in St. Louis, John E. Simon, showed the boys at

Tomorrow's Problem:
S 10 3
H A K Q 6 3
D K 9 8
C A 9 5
S A Q 8
H 10 8 7 4
D A J 10 4
C K 8
S None
H J 9 2
D Q 7 6 3 2
C Q J 7 6 4
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H 5
D 5
C 10 3 2
(Dealer West. Both sides vulnerable.)

After West bids 1-Club, North 1-Heart and East 2-Clubs, how would you plan to bid the South hand?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Take up from war.
2 Pattern.
3 Voice.
4 Distinctive.
5 Benefactor.
6 Save.
7 Fall to hit.
8 Lock.
9 Freedom.
10 Wander.
11 Sooth.
12 Multitude.
13 Choose.
14 Demureness.
15 Strips.
16 Bounty.
17 Souvenir.
18 Relists.
19 Domination.
20 Hide.
21 Allude.
22 Cleaning.
23 Weary.
24 Anger.
25 Chastise.

Saturday's Crossword
Across—1 Model, 4 Abased, 6 Stream, 10 Avoid, 12 Margin, 14 Dodged, 17 Rede, 19 Aspired, 20 Radiate, 22 Lago, 23 Orderly, 27 Starve, 29 Crisp, 30 Ensure, 31 Danger, 32 Emerald.
Down—1 Miser, 2 Dared, 3 Appear, 5 Brag, 6 Booner, 7 Reserve, 8 Matador, 11 Virile, 13 Inset, 15 Agra, 16 Inset, 18 Ensign, 20 Route, 21 Yield, 23 Appear.

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Next Change

"SORROWS OF THE FORBIDDEN CITY"

GROWING SUPPORT FOR CHINA PEACE

Shanghai, January 3.

Support and endorsement of President Chiang Kai-shek's New Year peace proposals today continued to pile up.

The general interpretation is that Generalissimo Chiang has put the Communists on a political spot while the Reds are still holding the upper hand militarily.

While support of President Chiang Kai-shek comes from all sides there is an inclination in some political quarters—especially American—that there will be no reply from Mao Tse-tung or other Red leaders until not only the Chinese Reds but also Moscow has a chance to digest the full import of the Generalissimo's proposals.

Experts who have long studied both Soviet and Chinese Red propaganda see in the Chinese Red rejection of Dr. Sun Fo's "honourable peace" declaration, the working and style of language as well as the general tone usually seen in Soviet declarations.

There is also unanimity among experts that major pronouncements of the Chinese Red policy, such as the New Year's message, Mao Tse-tung's denunciation of Marshal Tito several weeks ago and the recent Central Committee attack on the United States, were either written or outlined by Soviet propagandists, whereas day to day Red radio material detailing military or minor political developments is purely Chinese in style and phrasing.

Manoeuvres In North

It is these experts who believe that there will be no reply to the Generalissimo's olive branch until the proposals are thoroughly digested by others than the Chinese Red leaders themselves.

The Government is apparently struggling to prevent its North China Command from making a separate peace with the Communists.

Under cover political manoeuvres are in progress on both sides.

Fighting is almost non-existent—and has been for nearly two weeks.

It is learned reliably that Generalissimo Chiang has sent a new order to his Northern Commander, General Fu Tso-yi, to come to Nanking for consultation.

Strong rumours have it that General Fu is seeking an independent settlement with the Communists who are besieging him.

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TOMORROW

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'WAAF' Mother Gets The MBE

Upper Heyford, January 3.
A fresh ribbon today on the WAAF uniform of Section Officer Audrey Penfold is that of the MBE awarded in the New Year's Honours List.

Audrey was the first WAAF officer to do a course of parachute jumping and gets her award for her work as "mother" of all WAAF parachutists, including a new contingent of airborne nurses who jumped 800 feet to the aid of their patients at a recent demonstration.

She is now the Royal Air Force's first woman parachute instructor and is in charge of some 200 women at the training school at Upper Heyford.

Miss Penfold is slightly built and blonde and is 29 years of age.—Reuter.

ELEPHANTS AS SPOILS OF WAR

Rangoon, January 3.
Burmese Government troops have captured 107 elephants used by insurgents for transport in the Tongoo district of Central Burma.

Some 3,000 Communists had been based in the area, which is one of the main Communist strongholds.

Thakin Tun Tun Secretary-General of the Burmese Communist Party, was reported to have fled from the area to Pylina, further North.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 345 kilocycles per second and on 152 megacycles per second in the 11 metre band.

B.K.T.
12.15 p.m.—Belgian Talk to Children (Studio).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Music for Romance" Rev. Leonard and His Players with Jack Cooper to sing (HUTS).

1.00 p.m.—Frederick Baynes at the Organ (HUTS).

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"From Foreign Lands".

2.00 p.m.—Class Hour.

2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.

2.10 p.m.—Children's Story "Huckleberry" by E. F. Lewis (HUTS).

2.15 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (HUTS).

2.30 p.m.—Continued by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lun and S.K. Lo, further North.—Reuter.

(Studio).

2.50 p.m.—Freddy Martin and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"See You" Talks on Sport (Studio).

7.25 p.m.—Interlude.

7.30 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Allen Wade (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—University Programme Agriculture, Science, "Daily Science" by Dr. Herbert D. Kay (HUTS).

8.30 p.m.—"Much Dwindling in the March" (HUTS).

9.00 p.m.—"Gladys" "Free Gyn" Suite No. 2, Op. 66, New Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—A Story "Kowloon-On-Avon" Written and Read by Jack Shephard (Studio).

9.30 p.m.—Composer Cavalcade: Al Hoffman (HUTS).

10.00 p.m.—Radio News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Beethoven's Last Quartet".

10.17 p.m.—"The March Quartet".

10.18 p.m.—"The March Quartet".

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11.08 p.m.—"The March Quartet".

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11.10 p.m.—"The March Quartet".

Shanghai Faces Fourth Change Of Rulership

Shanghai, January 3.

Lying in the shadow of Communist armies, this fourth largest city in the world faces its fourth set of rulers in less than a decade.

In that time Shanghai has seen an international centre, a Japanese military regime and the sovereignty of the Chinese Government. Now it faces possible absorption in a Communist China.

An international group, predominantly Anglo-American, built Shanghai up from an unwanted mud flat to a thriving world port in just under 100 years. The Japanese Army took it over in 1941 but in four years failed to do much of the good work. In 1945 the Chinese Government moved in.

When the Chinese Communists took over—general belief here is it's "when" and not "if"—they will only find the husk of the thriving Shanghai of 10 years ago.

The bone and muscle are still here—the roads, buildings and factories—but the life blood of trade is at last running out.

During the last three years of Chinese Government rule, Shanghai has lost its world position as an international port, as a funnel for the produce of the vast interior of China and as a manufacturing centre, even as a tourist centre.

Main Worry
Trade, hamstrung by Government regulations and restrictions, and civil war, has gradually evaporated. And the traders who turned this bleak, murky countryside into a modern city are disappearing with it.

Today foreign and Chinese business in Shanghai, on the threshold of a question mark that will decide their fate, have little to do but speculate on what shape that fate will take. A popular point of discussion is whether the Communists are ready to take over Shanghai—and all its headaches—in the immediate future, or whether they'd prefer to wait till the rest of the country is in their hands.

The main worry here, however, is what the Communists will do with Shanghai when they get it, whenever they do. The old Shanghaiander is a product of an international school. He is used to certain standards of freedom, good living, civic cleanliness, municipal efficiency and law and order. In fact, before the war he had to resort to extraterritoriality to ensure that he got law and order.

Austerity Ahead
During the war the Japanese taught him to forget his good living and since the war he has had to accept local standards of civic cleanliness and municipal efficiency. To a certain extent he still has law and order.

The consensus here is that under the Communists he will continue to have law and order plus an austere brand of civic cleanliness, but no good living and possibly little freedom. The question of municipal and governmental efficiency seems to depend on how much the Reds will have to rely on the present bureaucratic machinery to run their cities for them.

The old Shanghai that earned for itself the name "Paris of the Orient" and "Paradise of Adventurers" is as dead as Atlantis. World War II and China's own civil war and Chinese rule have buried that Shanghai. When the Communists come they'll cast their seed and the fourth crop of this decade will start to grow. But many of the old-timers won't be around to see it harvested. Associated Press.

The Big Question In China

Washington, January 2.
The Star predicted today that the outlook in China appears to be one of continued war.

The editorial said: "The big question is whether the Generalissimo—with no large scale American aid in sight at this time—can make good his promise to hold the Nanking-Shanghai area at all costs."

"The territory under his control is vast and sprawling and the Communists might have a hard time in conquering it if he could deal effectively with the situation by putting through eleven hour reforms in the Nationalist political and military machinery under him."

"In any event, the Generalissimo has told his people that unless the Communists meet his conditions, which of course they will not do, he will fight them to the finish and he voiced his firm belief that free China will win out."

"Whether that belief is wishful or not, the Americans have reason to hope and pray for its fulfillment. The bitter thing is that there seems to be little or nothing that we can do right now to insure a Nationalist victory."—United Press.

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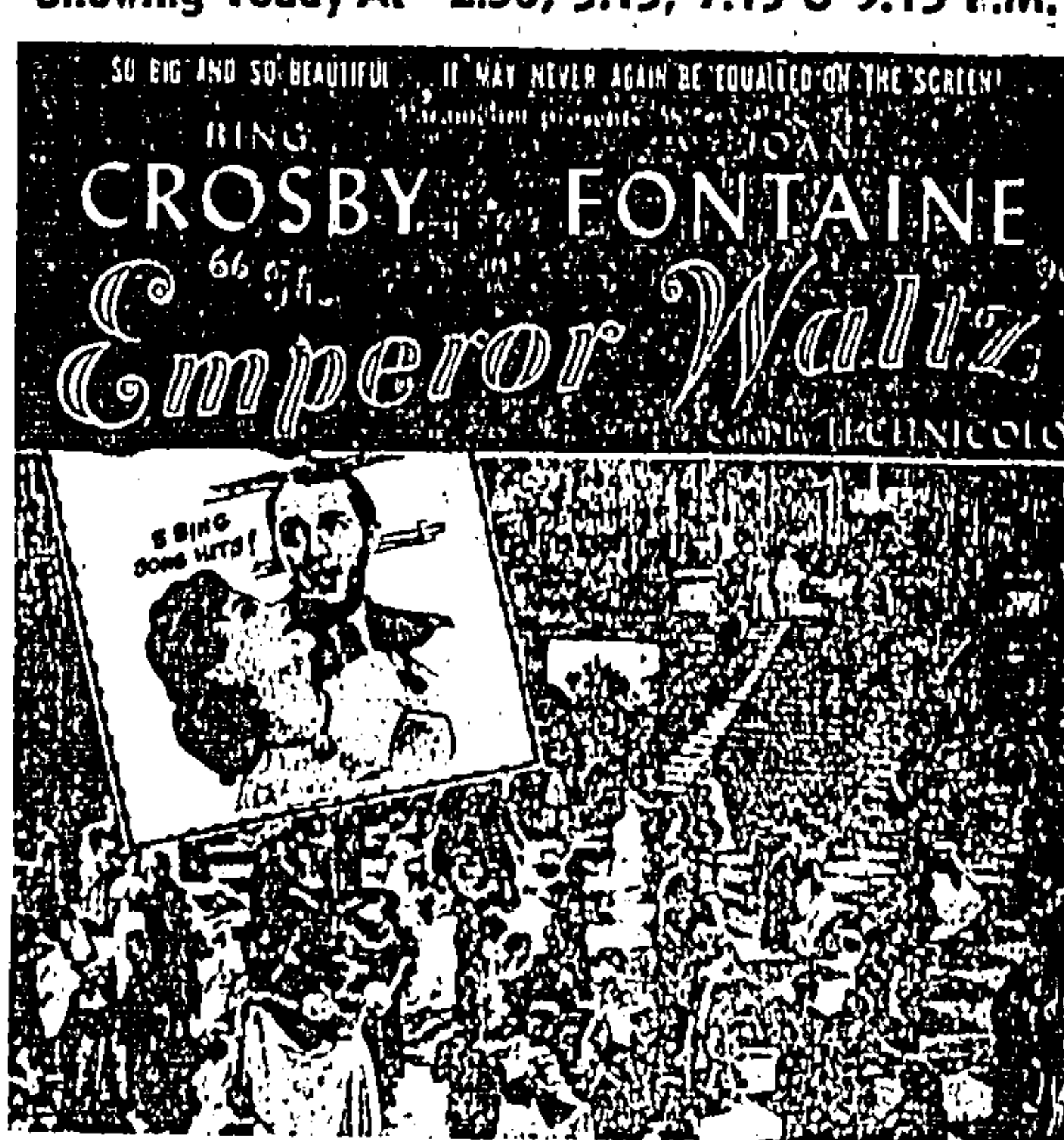
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the necessary retrograde movements of our own troops and the less satisfactory results achieved would have undoubtedly been publicly characterized as a lost battle.

There were many points of similarity between this situation and the one that developed some four months later in the Ardennes, which resulted in the Battle of the Bulge. In both cases our long-term calculations proved correct but in the one the German achieved temporary success, while at Mortain he was repulsed immediately and materially added to the severity of his own battle losses.

The enemy concentrated the bulk of his available armour at Mortain and continued his obstinate attack until August 12. By this time Bradley's planned movements were developing satisfactorily.

On General Bradley's directive, General Patton had sent the XV Corps, commanded by Major General Wade H. Haislip, straight Southward to the town of Javal. East of Javal it turned north on Argentan. The XII Corps, under command of Major General Gilbert R. Cook, was ordered to advance on Orleans on the Third Army's South flank; and the XX Corps, commanded by Major General Walton H. Walker, was

directed on Chartres. Later, the XIX Corps, under Major General Charles H. Corlett, also participated in the envelopment. The Canadian First Army was directed by Montgomery to continue to thrust Southward on Falaise with a view to linking up with the Americans at Argentan, to close the net around the enemy forces still West of that point. Meanwhile the U.S. First Army and the British Second Army would both drive toward the trapped Germans to accomplish their rapid destruction.

To Be Continued

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Lesson 10

Vocabulary:—

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|------------------|--|
| 53. (chi) jee' | To know. |
| 54. (wa) 'wah | To say. |
| 55. (faan) faan' | To return. Back. |
| 56. (uk) cok' | A house. |
| 57. (kaan) gaan' | Classifier for buildings; houses; rooms. |
| 58. (choh) jaw' | Sign of Perfect. |

Combinations:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Jee' doh' | To know. |
| 2a. 'Ngaw, 'wah bay' 'nay jee'. | I let you know. |
| (full) | |
| 2b. 'Ngaw, 'wah, 'nay jee'. | I let you know. |
| (abbreviated) | |
| 3. 'Ngaw, 'm, 'wah, 'nay jee'. | I won't let you know. |
| 4. Faan' lai. | To come back. |
| 5. Faan' hui'. | To go back. |
| 6. Hoh' faan'. | Recovered. |
| 7. Bay' faan'. | To return, repay. |
| 8. Ook' kay'. | Home, residence. |
| 9. 'Ngaw ook' kay'. | My home. |
| 10. Faan' ook' kay'. | To return home. |
| 11. Been' gaan' ook'? | Which house? |
| 12. Kui hui' jaw' gaaye'. | He (she) has gone out. |

Conversation:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. 'Tseen seen' shaang' hai' | Is Mr. Tseen in? |
| shue' mah'? | |
| B. 'Tseen seen' Shaang' 'm | Mr. Tseen is not in. |
| hai' shue'. | |
| A. 'Kui hui' jaw' been' shue'? | Where has he gone? |
| neh'? | |
| B. 'Kui faan' jaw' ook' kay'. | He has gone back home. |
| A. 'Kui faan' 'm faan' lai neh'? | Is he coming back? |
| B. 'Ngaw 'm jee, 'doh' 'kui | I don't know whether he |
| faan' 'm faan' lai. | is coming back. |
| 'Kui 'moh, 'wah, 'ngaw jee'. | He didn't tell me. |

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BIRTH

CHASE—At St. Paul's Hospital on January 1, 1949, to Yvonne, wife of Arthur A. Chase, a daughter, Cynthia Ann.

DEATHS

CONWAY—The death occurred on January 1, 1949, at Hurlville, New South Wales, Australia, at the age of 84 of Captain Joseph Conway, father of Captain R. H. Conway of Motters' Limited, Hong Kong.

STRATTON—Grace McLaren Stratton, age 84, died in London on January 1, 1949 following a long illness. Widow of the late William Murray Stratton, Engineer-in-Chief Canton Kowloon Railway, Canton.

PEACE HOPES

Disastrous 1948 passed in China on a note of hope that the new year would bring an end to the slaughter and chaos. Chiang Kai-shek intimated his willingness to resign in the interests of peace, and the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, spoke of Nationalist readiness to negotiate an honourable peace with the enemy.

Not everyone in the outside world regarded these moves with relief. For a coalition would inevitably have meant Communist domination sooner or later. Nevertheless, it was admitted that the only alternative—a continuation of the war—must produce the same result in the end, after the expenditure of much more blood and treasure. Given time, there was nothing to stop the Southward sweep of the Red armies, and the setting up of a joint government provided optimism with the hope that co-operation with the Liberals might tone down Marxist doctrines and ruthlessness.

Such hopes were dashed over the week-end by Communist broadcasts demanding that the "wounded beast" of the Chinese government be given no respite, and renewing its blistering attack on the KMT as traitors and gangsters and "stooges of American imperialism." Local reactionaries, reiterated the Reds, must be thoroughly destroyed, and the forces of American aggression expelled before the country could achieve independence and peace. Some observers believe that these vituperations were only routine, and have not closed the door to negotiation. Others, however, believe that the Communists, riding on a wave of victory, have no intention of stopping until they reach Canton. In spite of the necessity to consolidate their gains, there is much to be said to support this view. Nationalist China has no will to fight, worth-while American aid is now out of the question, and the Red tide is almost certain to flow on.

Colonial Confusion

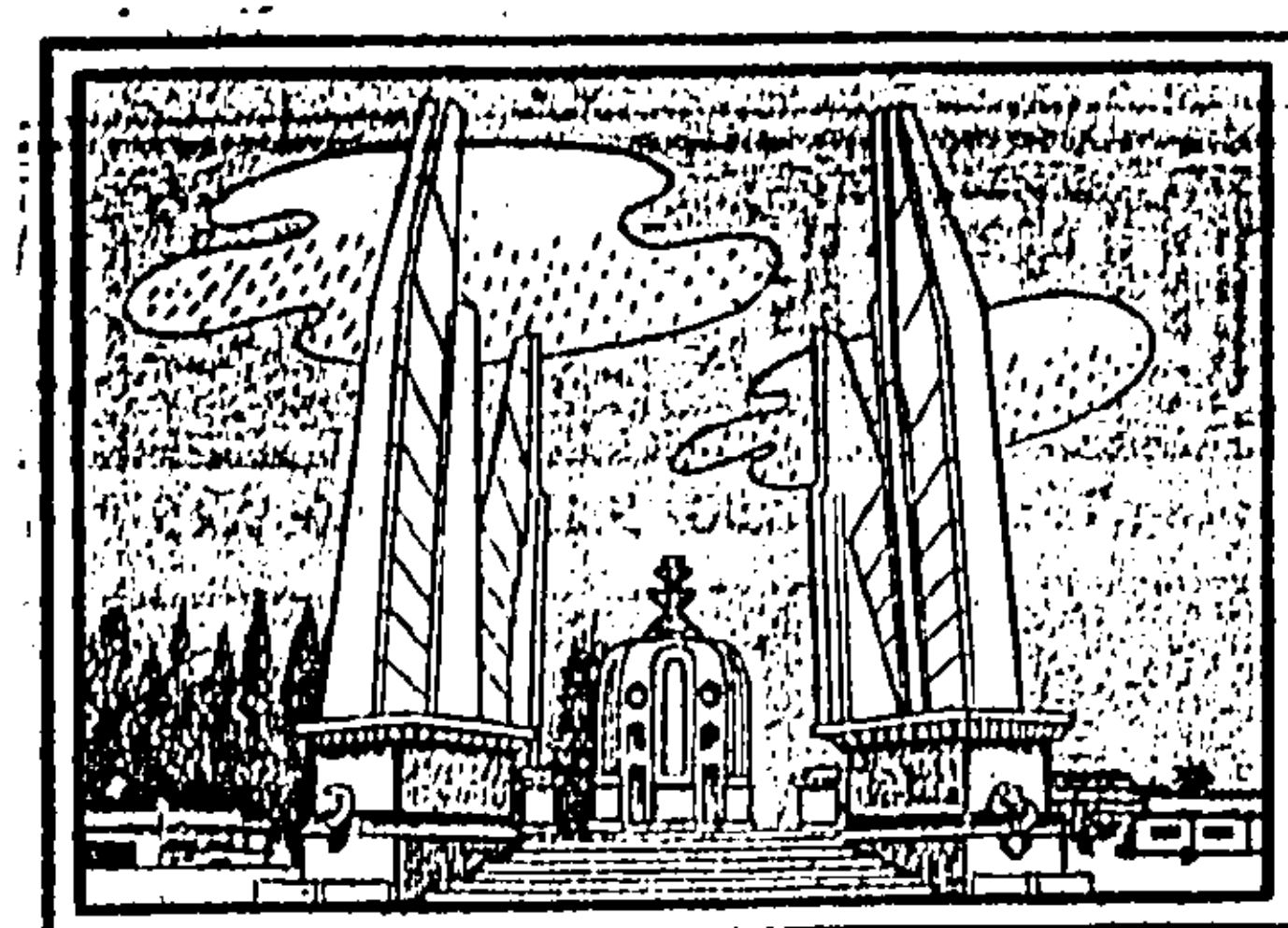
It was shattering, if not altogether surprising, to study the results of the quiz held by the Colonial Office to find out what the British public knows about the Colony.

Even the most disillusioned critic of modern education and adult enlightenment was impressed by those who thought America is still a British colony, and that Wales and Lincolnshire are typical colonies. Three quarters of those questioned could not even describe the difference between a "Dominion" and a "Colony." The Colonial Office is now likely to embark on a campaign to inform the home public about the Commonwealth, beginning with the most elementary facts. It is

not before time. For centuries the man in the street was required to know little about the Empire except that he should defend it when necessary; all policy was in the hands of a few specialists of the upper classes. The average Briton was very proud of its existence, but incredibly ignorant of its working. That may have been all right in the past—although how many mistakes might have been avoided if he had been better informed?—but in the melting pot of today, the ordinary citizen can no longer afford this apathy and lack of knowledge.

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U.S. CONGRESS SESSION MOST MOMENTOUS IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY

Washington, January 2.

The United States' new Democratic 81st Congress opens tomorrow a six month session which may prove one of the most momentous in the country's history.

It is one that is likely to affect in some way or other the lives of men and women in virtually every part of the world.

The House of Representatives and Senate, with newly won Democratic majorities, are expected to initiate a programme of domestic legislation which, unless expectations are upset, will parallel if not exceed in scope and liberalism the New Deal policies of the late President Roosevelt.

They will take the United States further along the road towards total abandonment of isolationism and, if the proposed North Atlantic Pact is ratified, they will for the first time formally ally their country in peacetime to the defence of Western Europe.

President Truman in a personal address to a joint session of both Chambers on Wednesday will deliver the traditional State of the Union message—a programme for action on all fronts.

Today and tomorrow will be largely taken up with organization work. A Democratic majority of 262 votes over 171 Republicans in the new House of Representatives. This compares with the 243-185 majority in favour of the Republicans last year.

In the Senate 64 Democrats have a mere lead over 32 Republicans in more comfortable margin than the Republicans enjoyed in the 61-45 division last year.

The chief foreign problems Congress will tackle this session include:

Military Aid

1. The North Atlantic Pact—this will not be ready for debate for some weeks yet. When it is, it must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

2. Overseas military assistance—a material complement to the pact will be a programme of military aid to its members. This is to be incorporated into an omnibus military assistance bill, which will empower the Government to extend aid where most needed and will bring under one heading such schemes for Greece and Turkey and, depending on

the military position there, China, as well as Western Europe.

3. Further funds for the Marshall Plan—the Congress must grant this scheme two distinct appropriations if it is not to run out of funds after April 1 next. About \$1,250,000,000 will be needed to cover the period from that date until June 30. For the subsequent 12 months—the second full year of Marshall Aid—some \$4,500,000,000 will be sought.

4. The renewal of the Reciprocity Trade Agreements Act—the key legislation empowering the Government to negotiate tariff-tolerance agreements with other countries, is due to expire on March 31. The Truman administration may seek to have it put on a permanent basis, thus providing along with the needed ratification of the international trade organization charter, one of the most important long-term foreign policy tasks to be tackled by this session of Congress.

The Budget

The pressing domestic problems include:

1. Budget—heavy foreign aid demands, unprecedented peace-time military expenditures, broad home front spending plans, make the balancing of the budget probably the most complex problem to face Mr. Truman and the Congress.

If a deficit is to be avoided and a surplus provided for, reduction of the National Debt and increased taxes are regarded as almost inevitable.

2. Inflation—closely tied in with the budget issue, this problem is being tackled anew by Congress at a time when the economic picture is uncertain. New inflationary pressures are weighing in from one side, on the other there are signs of a downward curve in the spiral.

Recent administration pronouncements indicate that President Truman may decide to avoid the imposition of drastic new controls, but he may seek to have such controls for reserve purposes.

Whatever is done for the short term problem, the Congress must also try to stabilize the present booming economy over the long run.

3. Social Security—Campaign election promises will compel Mr. Truman to seek greatly broadened health, school, housing, pensions and public works schemes.

The true liberalism of the new Democratic majority will be tested in earnest in the debates concerning these subjects.

Civil Rights

4. Civil Rights—Similarly, Mr. Truman is pledged to work for a removal of discrimination

New C-in-C, Pacific Fleet

Deming, January 3. Vice-Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind passed through Deming today in the British steamer Canton on his way to Singapore where he will take over command of the British Pacific Fleet from Admiral Sir Denis Boyd. Vice-Admiral Brind is expected to reach Singapore on January 11.—Reuter.

against negroes and other minority groups.

By doing this, he risks—and will almost certainly receive—opposition from members of his party from the Southern States.

Some moves are about to amend the Senate rules so that these men will not be able to filibuster Rights Legislation, to death as they have so often in the past.

Another problem within Congress itself concerns the future of the House Un-American Activities Committee, which many members want to see dissolved altogether.

All committees, of course, will be Democrat-controlled, as will each Chamber—the House through the Speaker, Mr. Sam Rayburn, and the Senate through the Vice-President, Allen Barkley.

The success of Mr. Truman's programme, the speed with which his proposals are tackled, depends largely on the unity inside the Democratic membership.

The Civil Rights issue merely dramatizes a split which exists on many other subjects.

And yet, the Republicans also are suffering from their own troubles. A progressive wing of the party—the "Young Turks"—is trying to oust the "Old Guard" leadership of Senator Robert Taft and others.—Reuter.

British Ship Fired On By Egyptians

Haifa, January 3.

The master of the British freighter Richard Borchard reported on arriving here that he was fired on at sea on Saturday by two Egyptian warships. He scared off a boarding party through a ruse, he added.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli Army spokesman was asked if the action meant the Egyptian Navy is blockading Israel's shores. The spokesman said he was not prepared to say but conceded it was the first time a ship bound for Israel had been subjected to such treatment.

Israeli Naval sources surmised that the two vessels which stopped the 1,923-ton Borchard were the same corvette and minesweeper which tried to bombard Tel Aviv early on New Year's Day. They said that if the attempt to search the Borchard does herald an Egyptian blockade, the Israeli Navy will take action. They did not say what that meant.

The Borchard's captain told reporters: "I didn't reply to the Egyptians' signal at the beginning as they wouldn't identify themselves and didn't hoist any flag. I ignored them until they opened fire on my unarmed ship."

At Malta, the British Naval authorities said the Borchard radioed she had been intercepted by an unidentified vessel flying the Israeli flag. They said they assumed the flying of the Israeli flag was intended as a ruse.

"Piracy"

A boarding party of six men then boarded the Borchard, the captain said, while Egyptian warships circled around as guards.

"I strongly protested against this piracy as the warships following us definitely refused to show their national flag or identify themselves."

He said he frightened the boarding party off by threatening them that he had signalled British ships before they boarded. The boarders left but not until they forced the captain to produce the ship's papers and to fill in a questionnaire.

In London, Mrs. Lucy Borchard, head of Borchard, Ltd., which owns the vessel, said she knew nothing about the incident. She said the ship's master, Captain White, had notified her only of his arrival at Haifa. The Borchard sailed from Genoa with British officers and a crew of 30, mostly Italian, she said.

Mrs. Borchard said the vessel's cargo consisted mainly of foodstuffs and "things like that."

—Associated Press.

Danger Of Pan-Asiatic Movement

Sydney, January 2.

The Daily Telegraph in an editorial today asked Australia to realise clearly what she wished to achieve in Indonesia before deciding whether she should be represented at the conference on Indonesia convened by Pandit Nehru.

India's Prime Minister. The editorial asked: "It is our object to drive the Dutch right out?" and added:

"The people invited to sit around Pandit Nehru's conference table have a single-minded view—they want this half of the planet for themselves."

"That means they want Australia as well as Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indochina, and the Netherlands East Indies."

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Cease-Fire In Kashmir Effective

New Delhi, January 2.

Radio Pakistan today announced that there have been no breaches of the Kashmir cease-fire order since it went into effect at midnight.

Reaching throughout the capital is one of deep satisfaction and many quarters view it as a symbol of real relations between India and Pakistan.

Other quarters prefer to reserve judgment but all agree that the cease-fire has been a step towards the settlement not only of the Kashmir issue but also other outstanding disagreements between the two Dominions.

An Indian Defence Ministry communique said: "The cease-fire order was carried out effectively by Indian troops all along the front. From one minute before midnight on January 1 up to mid-day today, front line reports indicated that all was quiet on various sectors of the front and there have been no incidents."—United Press.

ELECTION IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, January 2.

Campaigning starts tomorrow for the Portuguese presidential election on February 13 in which the Government candidate will be opposed for the first time in 22 years.

The Opposition candidate is 81-year-old General Luis Norton de Matos. He will run against the Government Party (National) candidate, 79-year-old President Antonio Oscar de Gouveia Carnation, who has been President since the military revolution of 1926.

General Matos has announced that he would withdraw his candidature unless he received guarantees that the election will be completely free.—Reuter.

Shanghai Appeals To The Reds

Shanghai, January 3.

The City Council today issued an official appeal to Mao Tze-tung and other Communist leaders and members of the Communist Party.

It suggests an immediate cease fire order, staying on the present lines and calmly awaiting representatives of both sides to discuss peace.

The appeal said: "In the event of disputes during the negotiations, both parties can appeal to the public opinion of the Chinese people."

It said the Communist announced policy is the liberation of the people, and the first step of that goal will be to relieve the suffering of the people who have gone through these years of war and ravages. It said: "The people have done no wrong to you."

How are you going to treat the people?"

The City Council appeal to the Communists was written in both Chinese and English and addressed Mao and Red leaders as "masters" for the first time in many years.

In another telegram to President Chiang Kai-shek and Government leaders, the City Council voiced the warmest support of Chiang Kai-shek's appeal and said that as soon as the Communists agree, both sides should immediately order a cease fire.

It said: "God blessed China when the President opened the door of peace. Please carry on the peace effort."—United Press.

Jews Threaten To Bomb Cairo

Jerusalem, January 3.

Unidentified warplanes bombed the Holy City of Jerusalem twice last night, injuring at least five persons.

It was the first time in nearly six months that the hill-top city was attacked from the air.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman said that if the planes proved to be Egyptian, it would be sufficient reason for the Jewish Air Force to retaliate against Cairo.

The Israeli spokesman said an Egyptian plane dropped bombs last night in Southern Palestine, North of the Negro combat zone.

On Saturday an Israeli spokesman said that if the Egyptians attacked Tel Aviv again, either by sea or air, the Jews would repay the attacks on the sprawling Egyptian capital.

Jewish authorities in Tel Aviv said there were indications that Egypt had increased its air raids against the Israeli civilian population during the 24 hour period following the retaliation warning.

The first raid on Jerusalem, in which three bombs were dropped on the heavily populated Jewish quarter, injured five persons and damaged one house.

Three hours later another attack was carried out. Several explosions were heard but no details were available.

Jerusalem residents were kept in shelters on a bitter cold night for about 25 minutes during each attack.

Israeli authorities in the Holy City declined to release any official information on last night's air raids.—Associated Press.

White Russians Leave Shanghai

Shanghai, January 3.

About 100 European displaced persons left Shanghai yesterday aboard two Transocean Airways planes for Japan.

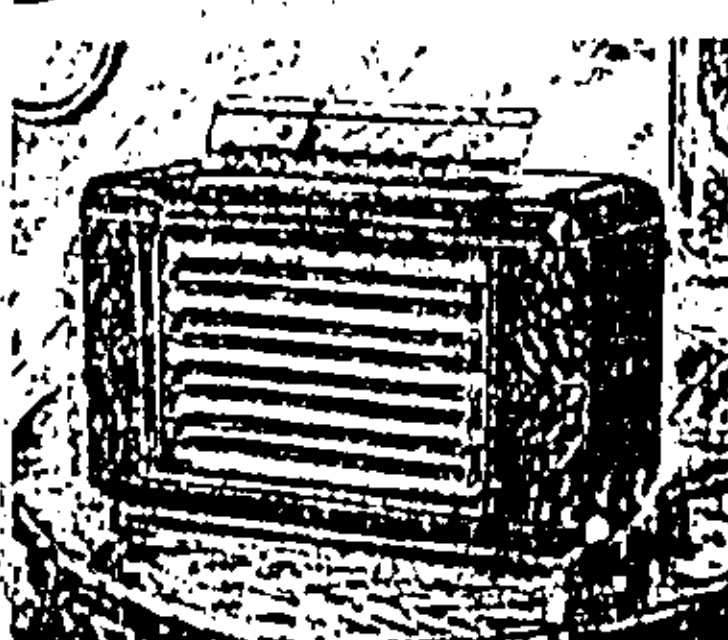
The majority of them were White Russians.

This completes the transportation of 150 stateless foreigners from Shanghai to an asylum near Tokyo, in accordance with an agreement with the SCAP.

The remaining stateless Russians and Jews in this city, numbering some 8,000, will probably be moved to the former United States naval base of Guiluan, on the Southern tip of Samur, in the Philippines, within the next six months.

This follows Philippine President Quirino's move last week in lifting the ban against the entry into the islands of White Russians.—Reuter.

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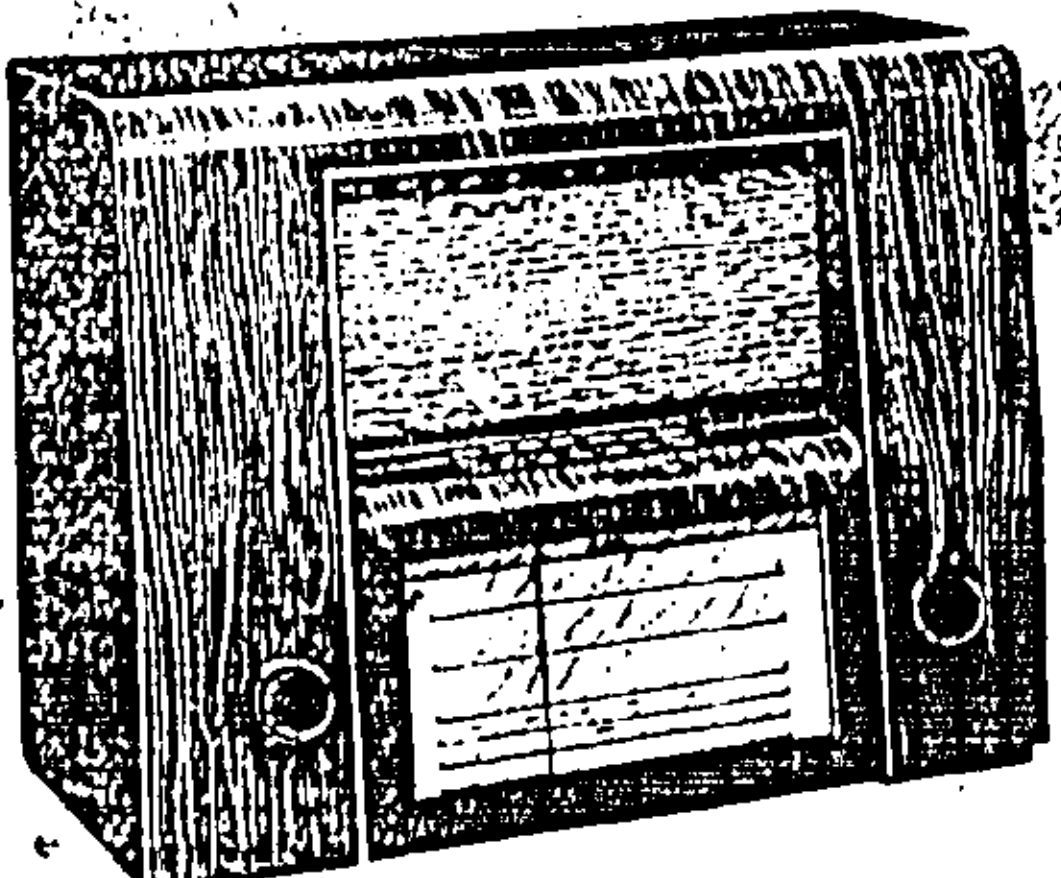
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"Police Army" In Russian Zone

Berlin, January 3.

Western Allied intelligence experts said today that the Communist police-army in Eastern Germany has a strength of 42,000 troops. It may reach 100,000 this year they added.

They cautioned against hysterical over-estimates of the present or future fighting worth of this force under modern conditions of warfare.

It is organized on military, not police lines. But, they said, the chief mission may only be to enforce the Communist will in case of civil disorders. Its first assignment apparently will be to patrol the zonal frontier.

A big question mark hangs over what would happen if an unpredictable future date all foreign occupation troops were withdrawn and Germany reconstituted as a political unit.

In that event, the Eastern police-army theoretically might be prepared to "liberate" Western Germany.

But Allied experts pointed out that the Western powers obviously would make every effort to assure that 48,000,000 Germans West of the Elbe would not be left defenceless prey for a small Communist minority from the East.

Of Little Value

The measure of how little the Allies credit the combat potential of the Communist police-army can be seen in the continued refusal of Western military governors to permit the Germans to centralize control of police forces in their occupation zones.

The police-army is already commonly known in Eastern Germany as the "People's Army."

Virtually all its troops are Wehrmacht prisoners who underwent Communist indoctrination in Russian camps.

In direct command is former Lieutenant General Vincenz Mueller, who survived Stalingrad and became a reliable Communist convert although thousands of his brother officers have proved untrustworthy from the Soviet viewpoint.

Arms Provided

General Mueller's public title is Police Chief of Staff for the Russian zone.

The Soviet Army has made available pistols, Mauser rifles, machine-guns, mortars, anti-tank rockets, and light armoured cars to General Mueller's force.

Three police-army training camps are in operation at Biesenthal, Eiche and Niedersachsenhausen, all near Berlin.

Provincial training schools include those at Zerbstedt, Kyritz.

The largest individual formation in the police-army at present is the battalion, known by the old Nazi elite guard name, "Standard." It is made up of three or more companies averaging 110 men each. The companies include nine rifles and three sub-machine-guns, with the remainder carrying pistols.

According to the Vatican radio: "It is impossible to see how the wish for an understanding with the Holy See can be reconciled with the Hungarian Government's attitude towards an archbishop, primate and cardinal—an attitude which is an insult to the Holy See itself."

The Vatican reply demanded that the rights of the Church and of religious conscience be respected and guaranteed.—Reuter.

CAR PRODUCTION

Detroit, January 3.

Automotive News said car and truck production in the U.S. will total 5,200,000 units for 1948—only four days short of the 1929 record.

Canadian output was estimated at 261,719 units—Associated Press.

Bertrand Russell Sees Disaster

London, January 3.

Lord Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher, warned last night that the present world tendencies toward centralisation of Government may lead to disaster.

"There has never in past history been any large state that controlled its citizens as completely as they are controlled in the Soviet Republic or even in modern England," he said in a broadcast lecture on "Authority and the Individual" over the BBC.

90-Passenger Plane Tested

Paris, January 3.

Good results were reported this morning from the first test flights of the SE-2010, the 75-ton, four-engined, 90-passenger French airliner, which will be the largest long-distance aircraft in the world.

Built in the state-owned Brasso workshops at Toulouse, the aircraft is powered by four 3,500-horsepower Pratt and Whitney engines and will cruise at 500 kilometres an hour. Air France have ordered 15 of the machines.—Reuter.

Workers Not Satisfied

Shanghai, January 3.

The labour world in Shanghai is threatening to erupt again as a result of dissatisfaction with the latest cost of living index, on which workers' wages are based.

The last index, issued on December 30, was only 20 per cent higher than the mid-December figure, although the workers claimed that commodities and other necessities rose between 40 and 50 per cent.

A meeting is expected to be called by Shanghai Labour Union today or tomorrow to discuss measures to cope with the situation.

Meanwhile, labour leaders have already demanded from the Bureau of Social Affairs of the city government an explanation of the method by which they arrived at the figure.

Shanghai's labour population is estimated at around one million.—Reuter.

FINNS RECALL MINISTER

Helsinki, January 3.

Finland has recalled her Minister in Moscow, M. Sundström, for consultations.

The recall of the Minister follows a Soviet note earlier this month complaining of anti-Soviet propaganda in Finland and other happenings not in accordance with the peace treaty.—Reuter.

SOUTH EAST ASIA PLANS COALITION

Washington, January 2.

Representatives of South East Asia countries soon may hold a conference to discuss forming a South East Asia political bloc.

The meeting probably will be held within a month in one of the smaller countries in that area. Representatives from India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and the Indonesian Republic will attend.

Australia is very sympathetic and may have at least an unofficial observer there.

New Zealand, Siam and the Philippines will be invited to send representatives.

Burma or Ceylon is regarded as the most likely conference site because of the wishes that smaller countries should feel they have equal voice in the discussions.

South East Asia leaders, despite their struggles for independence, heretofore have been inclined to go along with the Western democracies on issues which do not jeopardise their national aspirations. However, the Security Council action on the Indonesian affair convinced them that they cannot depend on even the friendliest of the Western democracies—the United States.

Therefore, they believe they must join forces as a group of South East Asian peoples and stand on their own.

Anti-Soviet

Most political leaders in South East Asian countries are opposed to any orientation toward the Soviet bloc. However, they are of the opinion that Communist prestige will be on the upsurge as a result of the Dutch and Security Council action.

First indications that a move was afoot to form a South East Asia bloc came on December 23 when a ranking Indonesian Republic representative here, Dr. S. Sentoro Djohadikoestoemo, during one busy day conferred with the Indian Ambassador, Sir Benegal Ram Rau, the Pakistan Ambassador, Mr. A. H. H. Ismail, the Australian Embassy First Secretary, Mr. R. L. Harry and the Burma Embassy First Secretary, Mr. U. Saw-win.

A few days later press reports from India disclosed that the talks were related to possibilities of forming a South East Asia bloc.

On Thursday this week, Mr. Djohadikoestoemo again met Indian, Pakistan, Australian and Burmese Embassy officials. He declined to disclose the subject of the talks, but also would not deny that a South East Asia bloc conference had been discussed.

Indonesia Impetus

The Australian Ambassador, Mr. Norman J. O. Makin, as well as Ambassadors Ram Rau and Ismail, called on the U.S. Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Wobett, to express their Governments' views on the Indonesian situation. However, none of them disclosed details of the conversations.

Failure of the United Nations Security Council to support the Indonesians by adopting a strong resolution against the Dutch police action gave an impetus to the necessity for a strong South East Asia bloc.

The conference will have special reference to Indonesia. The implications of a South East Asia bloc, functioning even nominally as a political entity,

are such that sources in Washington working toward that end at present at least prefer anonymity. Needless to say the sources are not American.

Not Racial

Also, they are proceeding cautiously and with hopes that the United States will not frown on their efforts. One diplomatic source emphasises the importance attached to Australia's possible participation in the conference.

He said: "We would much dislike any impression that the South East Asia bloc would include only peoples of Oriental blood. The necessity for a bloc of South East Asia peoples and their immediate neighbours is political and economic, not racial."

Observers here are speculating on what Australia's official position will be in the proposed bloc. Although Australia has been always sympathetic to the Indonesians in their current difficulties, observers believe British opinion may temper the Australian decision on any final action toward joining such a bloc.—United Press.

DRUG OPENS UP POSSIBILITIES

London, January 3.

Britain envisages a vast African Empire springing to life from the discovery of a drug to cure sleeping sickness in animals.

The drug is a white crystalline powder called antyricide. It can be injected into animals with a syringe. The Colonial Office, announcing the discovery, said tests showed the drug cured all forms of sleeping sickness in cattle, horses, camels and other animals. Experiments are continuing on immunising cattle.—Associated Press.

FRENCH PREMIER MUCH BETTER

Paris, January 3.

The French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, who was taken ill with influenza two days ago, was reported today to be much improved.

He was expected to receive several Ministers at his home this evening.—Reuter.

MOUNTBATTEN BACK WITH THE NAVY

Malta, January 3.

Rear-Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma is happily back with his first love—the Royal Navy—and refuses to discuss any plans for the future other than staying at sea.

The man who won fame first as Commander-in-Chief of Combined Operations, then as Supreme Commander for South East Asia, and finally as the first Viceroy of India and the first Governor General of the new Dominion, is now commanding a cruiser squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet.

There have been many rumours of important diplomatic or political posts for the handsome cousin of King George VI. But his aides say he resents being referred to as anything but Rear-Admiral, and he wants to continue his permanent career as a sailor.

His present assignment is a happy one and his base is here at Malta. Lady Mountbatten is now living here and she and her family have entered into the easy social life of the island.

The Mountbattens are not strangers here. Lord Mountbatten commanded a destroyer and later an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean during the early days of the war.

Mountbatten lost rank when he decided to return to sea. As Supreme Commander in South East Asia, he held the acting rank of Admiral, but his permanent rank was only Rear-Admiral. And when he took over command of the cruiser squadron he reverted to his permanent rank.

At present his chief concern is to get his ships into tip-top shape.

Both the Fleet and the Maltese are delighted to have Mountbatten back. They hope—and apparently he does too—that his stay will be a long one.—United Press.

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OUTLOOK FOR BRITAIN

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Moscow Playing Old Tune

Moscow, January 3.
A Pravda editorial today reiterated Soviet predictions of a economic crisis in the United States and the entire capitalist world.

An article by Mr. V. Chepurkov stated: "At the same time as the immense successes in the post-war development of the economy of the Soviet Union were attained under the leadership of the party of Lenin and Stalin, the possibility of the Soviet State re-establishing the full value of the Soviet ruble and significantly improve the material situation of the workers, the capitalist world becomes more and more tangled up in the chains of implacable economic contradictions."

Mr. Chepurkov said: "In all capitalist countries there continues to be a systematic decline in purchasing power and chaos which Government organs are unable to deal with, increases. The system of capitalism, having lived out its time, visibly demonstrates its bankruptcy and its inability to give the working masses human conditions of life."

Expedition To Antarctic

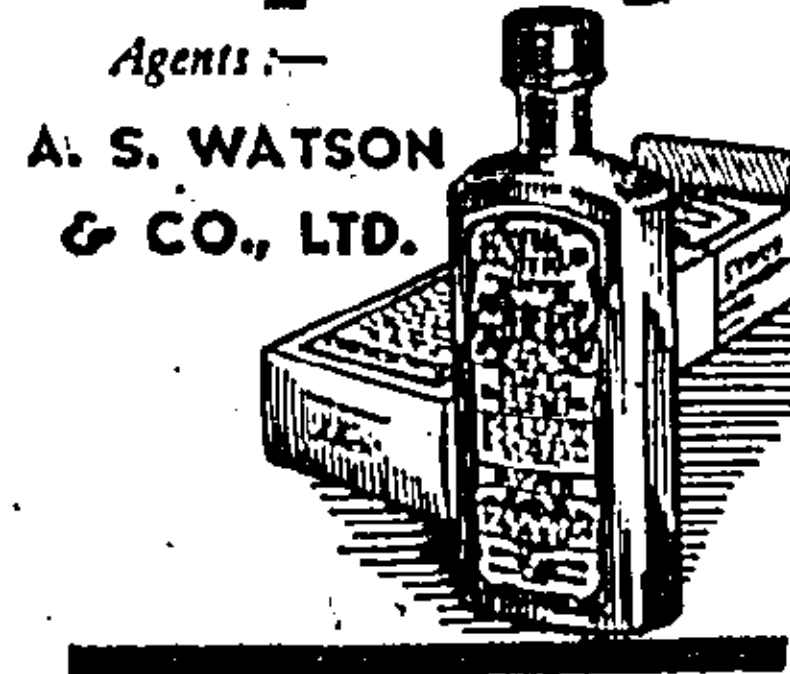
Valparaiso, January 3.
Chile's third expedition to the Antarctic in three years began today when a frigate and a transport sailed for Punta Arenas.
They will be joined by a patrol boat for a trip across the Drake Sea to Antarctic bases.
The ships are taking 43 Chilean army and navy men to relieve those stationed at bases on Greenwich Island and Graham Land.
Six airmen are going to establish a new scientific air base further South on Margarita Bay within the Antarctic circle.
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Paris, January 3.
Continued austerity, but with a gleam of improvement in food supplies, is forecast for 1949-50 in Great Britain.

The forecast is made in the report of the organisation for European Economic Co-operation issued yesterday and dealing with needs of the 19 countries participating in the European Recovery Programme.

Consumption policy in the United Kingdom will remain very strict in some commodities such as meat, bacon, milk and eggs and textiles. There will be a certain improvement, the report said.

In general, the abolition of restrictions on consumption goods in Britain seems as a general rule to be impossible.

Britain needs U.S. \$940,000,000 (£235,000,000) for 1949/50 to cover the estimated net deficit.

The report said realisation of the British Programme will increase industrial output and improve the balance of payments.

In addition, both in the U.K. and in its overseas territories, important plans are being carried out which will bear fruit in the future, especially in possible dollar saving and dollar earning.

Output Increases

On the average U.K. industrial output in 1949/50 will reach about 130 to 135 per cent of the pre-war level whereas the figure in 1948 was about 125 per cent.

Important fields in which output increases are expected include:

Coal Production: a rise by 12-15 per cent to 230,000,000 tons in 1949/50.
Crude oil production from 2,500,000 tons in 1947 to 8,000,000 tons in 1949/50.
Iron and steel—production of crude steel to rise to 13,500,000 tons compared with 14,700,000 tons in 1948.
Textiles—consumption of raw cotton and raw wool to rise from 350,000 tons and 191,000 tons in 1947 to 400,000 tons and 229,000 tons in 1949/50 respectively. Production of synthetic fibres is estimated to rise from 92,000 tons in 1947 to 150,000 tons in 1949/50.

CALL FOR END TO DISCRIMINATION

Washington, January 2.

Senator John J. Sparkman today proposed that Congress make a thorough investigation of racial and other discrimination throughout the nation and then take whatever action necessary to end it.

However, he coupled this proposal with the threat of a Senate filibuster against some of President Truman's more drastic civil rights measures if they are introduced in the 81st Congress.

Senator Sparkman said the solution to the South's racial difficulties is to raise Southern economy to a level where there is sufficient economic opportunity for both negroes and whites.

Asserting that racial and other forms of discrimination exist in the North as much as in the South, Senator Sparkman said he is preparing a resolution calling for a study of discriminatory practices and particularly to study the relationship between these practices and economic conditions.

Let us find out what our shortcomings are and then let us be courageous enough to take whatever action is necessary to remove these discriminatory practices—Whatever they may be directed and in whatever part of the country they may occur."

The Senator described the President's civil rights programme as a political football which had been kicked around for political advantage in an effort to win the votes of small minority groups.—United Press.

BATA TOWN GETS A NEW NAME

Prague, January 2.
The Prime Minister, M. Sapo-tucky, left Prague late today for Zlin, the Bata shoe town, to represent President Gottwald at the town's renaming celebrations.

Zlin will be renamed Gottwaldov in honour of the President, who recently celebrated his 52nd birthday.

The Bata shoe factory, one of the world's largest, has been nationalised and will be renamed Svlt (Dawn).—Reuter.

WORLD STOCKS OF RUBBER

London, January 3.
The Rubber Study Group has announced that the world stocks of natural rubber stood at 760,000 long tons at the end of November, while the synthetic rubber stocks were 117,500 tons.

The announcement said there was no change in the stocks of natural rubber compared with January 1948, but the synthetic rubber stocks had increased by 40,000 tons.—Associated Press.

Marshall Aid For Chinese

Washington, January 3.
China received Marshall Plan authorisations amounting to U.S. \$1,260,000 in the past week, the Economic Co-operation Administration announced yesterday.

The grants brought China's Marshall Plan total to U.S. \$171,366,000.

The Netherlands was granted aid worth U.S. \$42,000 last week, increasing its total Marshall Plan help to U.S. \$10,834,000.—Associated Press.

BRITISH MP'S IN INDIA

Karachi, January 2.

A British Parliamentary delegation to Ceylon has arrived here on its way to Colombo.

The delegates had a 45-minute talk with the Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, last night. Later they placed wreaths on the grave of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, founder and first Governor-General of Pakistan.

The delegation, headed by Khwaja Nazimuddin, Pakistan's Governor-General, today.—Reuter.

Turkish Planning For Industry

Paris, January 4.

Turkish plans for far reaching expansion of agriculture and industry were revealed today by the organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

The disclosure came in a chapter of the organisation's report on what the 19 European recovery plan nations propose to do to help themselves and help each other in 1949 to 1950.

The organisation found sound prospects for increased agricultural production and noted promises of private foreign capital investment and special bank loans to aid Turkish industry which should reduce Turkish dependency on ERP aid for future investment projects.

But trends in the balance of payments do not appear favourable. The report said: "Export increases in 1949-50 are 20 per cent of the long term goal in-

creases as compared with the 1948-49 figure while import increases are 50 per cent of the increase forecast for 1952-53 as compared with the level for 1948-49."

"The unbalancing factor in 1949-50 is the field of invisibles, where both earnings decline and expenses rise. Some balancing of these factors will be necessary if there is to be substantial progress toward the long term goals in 1949-50."

Planned production for 1949-50, the organisation reported, shows increases for selected commodities of from 25 to 25 per cent compared to the levels forecast for 1948-49.

Under the long term programme, the report noted, Turkish agricultural production should increase 30 per cent.

The 1949-50 production of bread grains is to increase by 11 per cent, grains by 20 per cent, wheat by 11 per cent, fats and oils by four per cent, wool by 25 per cent and cotton by 20 per cent.—Associated Press.

NEW SHIPPING OFFICIAL

San Francisco, January 3.
The General Steamship Corporation announced today the appointment of Mr. Morse Frazier as Assistant Vice-President. He will continue to have charge of the trans-Pacific department, handling operations in the Orient and Australia.—Associated Press.

VESSEL SAFE

Paris, January 2.
The Dutch ship Gosenhaven (not listed in Lloyd's register), which this morning sent out an S.O.S. in the Eire de la Somme, reported tonight that she has effected repairs and is continuing under her own power.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN NEED FOR CONTINUED U.S. AID

Paris, January 3.

The 19 nations participating in the European Recovery Programme said today that they will need \$4,347,000,000 of American aid in the fiscal year July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950. This is \$528,000,000 less than for the current fiscal year.

The requests are in a report published by the organisation for European Economic Co-operation. The report will be used by American officials in asking the U.S. Congress for additional funds.

Continued shortages, hard work and living standards below pre-war levels for most of their people confront the 19 Governments despite anticipated American aid.

The report emphasised vast differences in their economies. Switzerland, Sweden and Belgium, for instance, were undamaged by the war, but need ERP help to revise their European trade, Belgium and Luxembourg have recovered almost completely and have high living standards but need dollars to buy things available only in the U.S.

Greece is torn by civil war. Italy has almost 1,500,000 unemployed while labour shortages plague other participating countries.

Yet when their story is distilled into the report there is good news too—if they get enough dollars from the American Congress.

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More Bread

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Other predictions in the report: Five and a half per cent more coal than this year with consumption one and a half per cent above the pre-war level.

An increase of 4,000,000 kilowatts is planned for electrical production but there still will not be enough even in 1952.

PREDICTS MOON ROCKET BY 1959

Hartford, January 2.

A clergyman astronomer here has assured his audiences that they will live to know another world; the world of the moon.

"Give the Americans ten years or less and the first rocket to the moon will have been sent off and will have returned, guided, of course, by radar," said the Reverend C. Wood, Hartford Congregational Minister, and a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

The first rocket will probably contain only instruments, but for the second rocket Wood believes there will be a call for volunteers to form a crew.

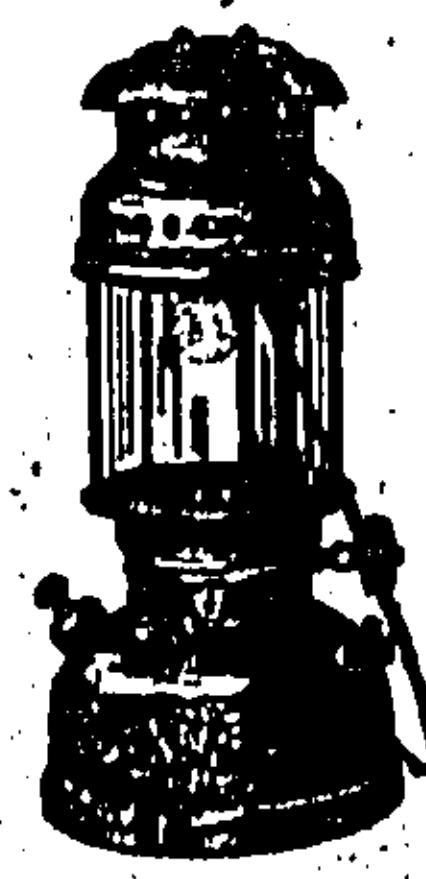
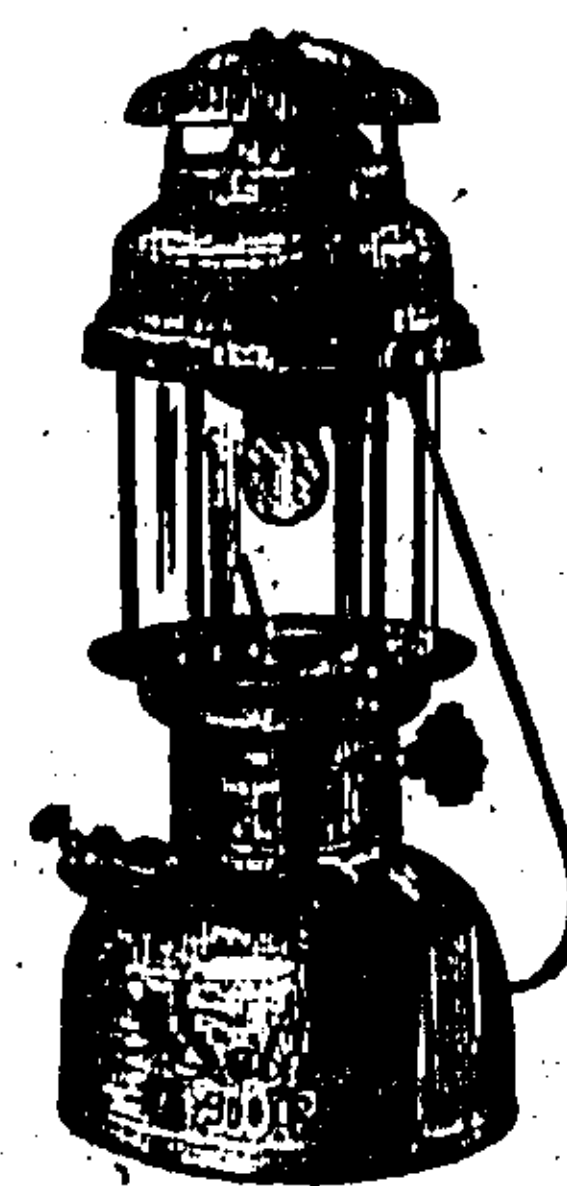
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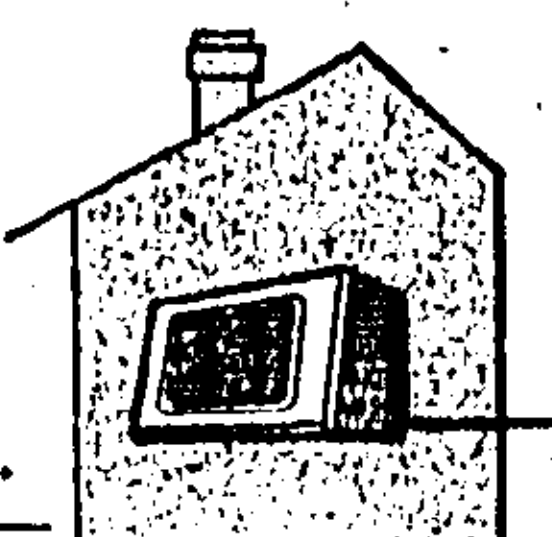
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DUTCH OPPOSE PEACE MEETING AT NEW DELHI

Batavia, January 2.

Republican sources here describe the proposed New Delhi conference on Indonesia as a most encouraging manifestation of international concern at the situation since the Dutch action began.

The Dutch authorities are astonished at Pandit Nehru's action in calling a conference to discuss the internal affairs of another country, according to a semi-official Dutch source.

Repayment Claim Fails In London

A claim to repayment of money borrowed during the war in enemy-occupied territory failed in the Court of Appeal in London recently. The Court ruled that transactions in currency were prohibited by regulation 2 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, and that the regulations were wide enough to cover all foreign currency.

The case in which the ruling was made was reported in the December 14 issue of The Times. The report follows: Lord Justice Tucker, Lord Justice Asquith, and Lord Justice Denning yesterday allowed the appeal of the defendant, Mrs. Joan Well, from a decision of Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson (reported in The Times of April 24) whereby she gave judgment for £5,000 in favour of the plaintiff, Mr. Leunus Rijnhart Boissevain. Mr. Boissevain's claim was for repayment of three sums of 320,000 francs each which he lent Mrs. Well in Marseilles, then occupied by the Germans. Mrs. Well paid Mr. Boissevain as security for the loan three cheques drawn on a branch of the National Provincial Bank in England. One of the cheques to the claim, and the only material on the appeal, was that the transaction was prohibited by reason of regulations 2 and 3a of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

Did Not Apply

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson held that regulations 2 and 3a, which prohibited transactions in currency, did not apply to the case. Lord Justice Tucker, giving judgment, said that he was unable to accept the contention for the plaintiff that the regulations had an extraterritorial effect. He also did not accept the contention that the regulations, if they had extraterritorial effect, could not be applied to a transaction in enemy territory between two persons both of whom were to be regarded as "enemies" for the purposes of the Trading with the Enemy Act.

The regulations were wide enough to cover all foreign currencies, and, if it had been intended to exclude their operation from countries in foreign occupation, it would have been easy expressly to provide. The transactions, in his Lordship's opinion, were prohibited by regulation 2 of the regulations of 1939, and the judgment of Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson must accordingly be set aside. Lord Justice Asquith and Lord Justice Denning concurred.

Action Wanted

The former Premier said that he wholeheartedly supported the proposed New Delhi conference. "What we want now is action and not mere words," he said. "I am glad India is taking the initiative to centralise the position."

Bangkok Pollen opinion here today seems to favour active Siamese participation in any concerted Asian move on Indonesia, although the Foreign Office reiterated the statement of Field-Marshal Luang Pibul Songkram, the Prime Minister, that Siann would follow the United Nations lead in this matter.

Sydney: If Australia is invited, she will probably send at least an observer, an unofficial source stated today.

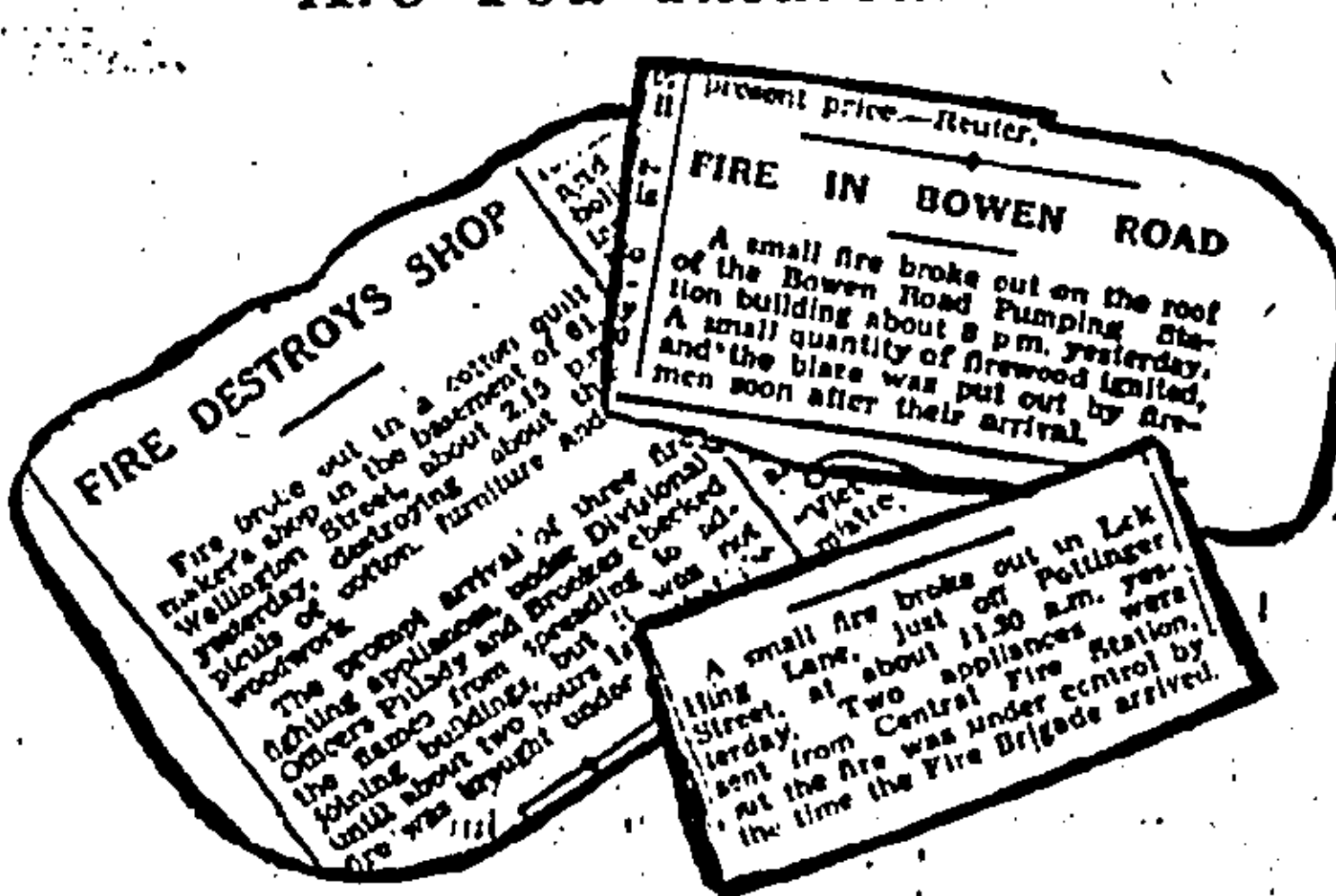
Javanese Claim

In the meantime, Republican sources here state that guerrilla activity in the interior continues to be widespread. A total of 86 Dutch soldiers have been killed and 172 injured since the beginning of the night activity by guerrillas round the form Republic capital of Jogjakarta, and widespread booby-trapping of estates.—Reuter.

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Girl, 11, Was The Only Survivor

Vigo, January 3.

Spanish coast guardsmen today found an 11-year-old Norwegian girl on the rocky, storm-lashed coast of Cape Silleiro near Vigo beside the bodies of her father and mother. She is the only survivor of the Norwegian yacht Thagass. The girl, speaking through an interpreter, told maritime authorities that her name is Annhild Karlson. The yacht crashed on the rocks at 2 a.m. on Friday and sank with a crew of 18. She swam until she fainted, and recovered on the shore. Her parents' bodies were later washed ashore. The coastguard found no trace of the yacht or its crew. The girl is in hospital suffering from severe shock and exposure.—Associated Press.

Queen Mary Goes Aground Off France In Gale

Cherbourg, January 2.

The great British liner Queen Mary, which went aground on a sand shoal off Cherbourg yesterday, managed to steam into deep water under her own power, a full 45 minutes before the flood tide was at its height this morning.

Fourteen tugs had sailed from Portsmouth, Plymouth, Portland and Le Havre, but British tugs received orders while still at sea to return to their home ports.

A sudden shift of the wind from South West to West and an increase in its speed to 80 miles an hour were given as the cause of the mishap to the liner. Preliminary inspection at Cherbourg at daylight by a French navy diver showed that neither the rudder nor the steering mechanism suffered any damage. Many passengers did not learn that the ship had grounded until this morning. They watched the refloating operation with interest.

Officials praised the crew, who worked all night shifting fuel oil from the stern to the bow.

Official Caution

Surveyors who inspected the Queen Mary, brought to Cowes Roads near Southampton today, are not confident that the vessel will be passed fit to time for midday sailing tomorrow. After a preliminary inspection in Cowes Roads the Cunard White Star Company announced tonight that the liner will be berthed in the Ocean Dock, Southampton, for a further inspection by divers early tomorrow. The Queen Mary will resume her voyage to New York on the midday tide tomorrow if the inspection is satisfactory, the announcement added. But a Cunard official said tonight: "The surveyors have got to be satisfied. They want a further examination."

One inspector told Reuter: "There is no damage visible from the outside but from our internal inspection we can not be sure whether there was anything under water."

Gale Stories

Neither propellers nor rudder were examined while the liner was in Cowes Roads as divers are unable to operate there. The fact that the ship on her last two round trips took a severe buffeting from the North Atlantic weather, is adding to the inspectors caution.

Whirling winds sweeping France and Switzerland in the past 24 hours, sent other ships scurrying for port and held up road and rail traffic inland. It blew off roofs and broke windows in many towns. Gale stories came from Brest—the French cargo ship Saint Mathieu, which left the port of Brest yesterday for Dakar, today put back into Brest harbour with four of her crew injured by storm-tossed cargo.

Dieppe—an S.O.S. was picked up from a Dutch ship, the Gobs-haven, in the Bric de La Somme, North of Le Treport.

Nice—the Promenade des Anglais was flooded and deck chairs carried out to sea when giant rollers broke over the famous ocean side walk.

Lyons—a woman was killed by one of 150 chimneys blown down in the gale. The police closed as dangerous, the foot-bridges over the Rhone and Saone, and trams all over the city were blocked with blown sand and earth.

Rennes—a train travelling at 60 miles an hour struck a landslide South West of Rennes. Several people were injured. Heavy rains last night and this morning were believed to have caused the fall.

Geneva—a violent wind storm swept Switzerland last night and this morning, causing widespread damage to houses and dislocating railway and lake steamer communications. The wind was followed by rain and snow in some areas.—Reuter.

APL Trying To Procure "Monterey"

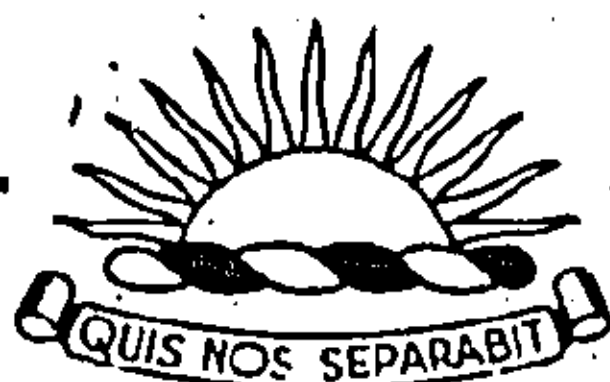
Plans are under way now to procure the Mason liner Monterey for the American President Lines' Trans-Pacific service, it was announced yesterday.

President George Killian stated that the APL was considering the possibility of operating the Monterey, provided present studies develop it can be satisfactorily fitted into the Lines' Far East run.

Mr. Killian had just returned from Washington to San Francisco, where he declared that the matter had been discussed with the United States Maritime Commission and that further discussions would be held when the studies were complete.

The Monterey was originally designed for the South Seas-Australian trade and is a one-class vessel. For the densely populated Far Eastern regions, she would have to be altered to provide considerable third-class space.

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m.s. "CANTON"	10th March	11th April
m.s. "CANTHAGE"	7th April	9th May
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m.s. "CANTON"	12th January	21st February
m.s. "CANTHAGE"	18th February	21st March
m.s. "CORFU"	14th March	16th April
m.s. "CANTON"	16th April	16th May
m.s. "CANTHAGE"	18th May	18th June
m.s. "CORFU"	9th June	11th July

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"TJITALENGKA" from Macassar to Japan, 22nd Jan.	to Japan, 3rd March.

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"TEGELBERG" in port to Shanghai, 14th January.	to South Africa & South America, 25th January.
"RUYS" from South America & South Africa, 17th January.	to South Africa & South America, 25th February.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa, 9th March.	to South Africa & South America, 18th April.
"BOISSEvain" from South America & South Africa, 20th March.	to South Africa & South America, 18th April.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

ANNUAL BULLION REPORT OF MESSRS. MOCATT AND GOLDSMID

London, January 3.

Despite the International Monetary Fund and official discouragement, gold flowed to the Far East throughout the year, says the Mocatt and Goldsmid annual review.

The introduction of the gold yuan did nothing to satisfy or divert the Chinese appetite for gold in the later months.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The resumption of business after the longish break has found buyers in the ascendancy with sellers still scarce. Quotations display some improvement.

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Despite frequent official sales, the French internal gold price has risen steadily. Gold coins are now being minted in Europe for smuggling to France.

World gold producers, who have been forced to accept only the official price, therefore had a great temptation to sell outside official channels but the governors of the International Monetary Fund were adamant.

Indicating that the demand for gold is not confined to the Middle East and Far East, unpressed gold is freely offered and bought in the United States at 10 to 15 per cent premium over the official United States price.

It is understood that legislation is shortly to be introduced to the U.S. Congress to legalize free internal gold markets and will command wide support, although unlikely to succeed.

Owing to restrictions in Britain and the United States, the bulk of the world's gold business is done in other centres, where the authorities are less scrupulous.

Silver Market

London silver has been roughly adjusted to the New York price. The Mexican Government is withholding sales in New York unless there was a special demand to bring offerings of foreign silver in New York into line with the effective demand in the first half-year.

Subsequent New York movements mainly reflected foreign sales. In the autumn, continental dealers could buy silver in London and resell to New York at a profit at the depressed sterling-dollar cross-rate. This business was not very extensive and the authorities withheld export licences to the centres concerned.

Two million ounces of demonetized Mexican coins have been offered in New York but the Mexican Government continued to withhold newly minted silver for coinage.

Owing to the development of jet engines, silver is no longer used in aircraft on a wartime scale, but photographic and silverware industries are using enough to absorb all normal foreign offerings in New York at current prices.

British official sources during the year supplied 10,400,000 ounces for essential industries and 3,800,000 ounces for manufactured and semi-manufactured exports.

Imports From H.K.

British demand for hoarding of industry has been small and the price of silver, which is freely disposable within Britain, has not substantially exceeded the official price. Substantial exports have gone to Turkey and Sweden for coinage and an order, of which only

World Body Of Coloured Folk

New Delhi, January 3. A world organisation of coloured peoples will be formed soon, said Mr. Bayard Rustin, American Negro leader now touring India in an interview here.

He said that such an organisation would collect and exchange full details of coloured peoples of the world and co-operate in removing barriers imposed by the white races by chalking out a common programme of non-violent resistance.

Mr. Rustin came to India early this month to study Gandhian principles of non-violence.

FAR EAST POTENTIAL FOR TRADE

New York, January 3.

Leo A. Matthews, General Passenger Agent of American President Lines, says the potential for future trade and travel in the Far East is almost beyond comprehension.

Mr. Matthews returned recently from a tour of the Philippines, including the ports and inland cities, Japan, Siam and the Malay Peninsula and East Indies.

"At present the Philippines are the outstanding market both for import and export," he said. "But Japan, with restrictive limitations on steel and cotton trade, is destined to come again a vital market for us—and very soon. The Straits and the East Indies are growing commercially."

Mr. Matthews said China offers almost limitless commerce and Shanghai will unquestionably be the world's greatest market.

He said American business representatives agreed with him that, despite unsettled conditions in China and the Far East, the Orient offered the United States its surest and most profitable development.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

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Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on January 6 and 7, 1940, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Insuring Of Ship's Cargo

London, January 2.

British insurance companies, including marine underwriters, reverted yesterday to the pre-war practice of covering ships' cargo only when in an ocean-going ship.

Cargo on shore and in small craft is excluded. It was accepted during the war when it was found that danger from foreign weapons was not as great as anticipated in cargoes accumulated on docks.—Associated Press.

Money Market

U.S. dollars dropped to HK\$4.08 1/2 yesterday. The drop is due to Chinese New Year remittances from Chinese in the States.

Gold was steady, opening at HK\$295.75 a tael and closing at \$296.75. Exchange rates ranged between these two figures.

Gold Yuan opened at 4.1 cents and closed at 4 cents. Canton remittances were at 3.6 cents; and Shanghai remittances varied between 3.15 cents and 3.325 cents.

Plasmas opened at HK\$7.42 1/2 a 100, went up to \$7.60, and dropped to \$7.37 1/2 at the close. Ticals were unchanged at HK\$25.10 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$33.90 a 100 and closed at \$34.40. Sterling was steady at HK\$15.16. Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.53.

CONSTRUCTION

RECORD IN U.S.

New York, January 3. Dollar volume for American construction in 1940 was a record of \$1,317,400,000, according to the Engineering News-Record estimated.

It placed physical volume 11 per cent ahead of 1947 and only two per cent above 1946.—Associated Press.

ANGLO-SWISS

TRADE TALKS

London, January 2.

A British trade and financial delegation will leave London tomorrow for Bern to discuss trade and payments for 1940 with the Swiss Government.

The delegation will consist of representatives of the Treasury, Board of Trade and the Bank of England.—Reuter.

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England All Out For 308; S. Africa Score 55 For 1

HKU Defeat Khalsa XI At Hockey

(By KIMBERLEY)
 The Hong Kong University hockey XI in a spasm of brilliant play last Sunday, defeated the Khalsa team in a league match by one goal to three.

But major upset of the hockey season was brought about by an unusual Police team which put a stop to the Khalsa's "no defeat" record with their one goal to nil effort against the still top of the league.

Another surprise, though a less one, was the Police team's defeat at the hands of Cable & Wireless by 3-1.

Other results were: Navy 7, M.C. 3; R.A.F. 3, Civil Service 1.

On Sunday the hockey on the K.U. field was a most interesting encounter on the Navy ground. Both sides took the field with equal enthusiasm, Khalsa being the more efficient.

For the first half, the teams were locked in equal aggressive play, resulting in well distributed displays of fast and interesting hockey.

University was the first to score, through the HKU's hard hitting forward, scored into the net, beating Khalsa's alert custodian, Lahl Singh, to score the first goal putting University in the lead.

Still Stunned

Khalsa was still stunned by the first goal when Chelliah (HKU) centre-half netted again, two minutes after the opening of the second half.

The winners then settled down to defensive strategy as the much weakened Khalsa team pressed on to reduce the arrears.

The weight of Khalsa's attack became so heavy that Bertie Gossan, their veteran half, was frequently struggling to keep the on-coming and approaching to inches of the net, but failing to score.

Bertie Gossan in his first performance for Khalsa at right-half, was fast and hard working, but he was unable to score, but he was presented with opportunities to score, but these were snuffed through over-caution of the Khalsa attack.

Gossan succeeded, however, after a number of such tries.

Taking the ball from George Gossan on the wing Gossan, wasted no time in getting within shooting distance, connected, and placed the ball in the goal beyond the keeper's reach.

Reached Top Gear

Khalsa's attack then reached top gear as they tried vainly to score. Mainwile, 11 men, were desperately struggling off the attack by clearing the ball at every opportunity.

The tempo of the match reached a new high pitch and play became scrappy, and sticks began working on both sides.

This however, was soon subsided by the referees' whistles and the game trailed off to the University's 2-1 win.

Results in brief:

HKU Police	1	Club de	0
Navy	7	Royal Navy	0
Civil Service	0	R.A.F.	3
Dutch I.C.	1	Cable &	3
University	2	Khalsa	1

Return Soccer Tilt

Arrangements having been completed for the Koreans to play a return soccer match with the Combined Chinese this coming Sunday, the week-end soccer programme previously published has been cancelled and substituted by the following:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8	
SENIOR DIVISION SHIELD	
Club v. Police, 2.45 p.m.; Referee: J. J. Paddy; Lineament: J. P. de Silva and A. Reilly.	
Kit Chee v. Eastern, 2.45 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Stone; Lineament: N. Delgado and W. Crawford.	
South China v. South China "B", 2.45 p.m.; Referee: I. O. Young; Lineament: P. Collins and N. Delgado.	
Army v. St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney; Lineament: F. A. Barretto and Y. T. Leung.	
JUNIOR DIVISION SHIELD	
Tatlow v. De La Salle, 2 p.m.; Referee: J. J. Paddy.	
K.M. v. Navy, 2 p.m.; Referee: J. J. Paddy.	
CAA v. South China Boundary, 2.45 p.m.; Referee: J. J. Paddy.	
Tramways v. Soldiers, 2.45 p.m.; Referee: J. J. Paddy.	
SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE	
Apprentice Club (PP from 12.10.49) v. De La Salle, 2.15 p.m.; Referee: J. A. Barretto.	
GOA v. St. Joseph's (PP from 12.10.49)	

Capetown, January 3.
 England were all out for 308 runs and South Africa replied with 55 for one by the luncheon interval today in the second day of the third Test.

Fifteen minutes sufficed to finish off the England innings and then a remarkable catch got the last wicket. Wright pulled Rowan and Dawson slipped as he attempted the catch but after the ball had struck his chest, Dawson made the catch at the second attempt.

Mann had the light roller before play started today but Nourse did not have a roller on the pitch prior to the South African innings.

Jenkins broke the South African opening stand at 30 by cleanly bowling the former Springbok captain, Alan Melville, but Wynne and Mitchell took the score to 50 by lunch.

England—1st innings	41
Hutton, run out	74
Washbrook, b. Rowan	1
Cripp, c. Wynne, b. Mitchell	35
Compton, b. Rowan	1
Watkins, c. Melville, b. Dawson	27
Mann, c. Mitchell, b. Hanley	44
Evans, b. Rowan	27
Jenkins, c. Wynne, b. Rowan	18
Bedser, b. McCarthy	11
Gladwin, not out	11
Wright, c. Dawson, b. Rowan	14
Extras	14

Total	308
Bowling Analysis	
McCarthy	20 2 35 1
Dawson	7 2 35 1
Rowan	31 2 3 8.5 5
Mann	3 0 18 0
Henley	18 4 37 1
Mitchell	9 1 11 0
South Africa—1st Innings	21
O. Wynne, not out	15
A. Melville, b. Jenkins	15
Bruce Mitchell, not out	19
Total: (for one wicket)	55

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Stableford Competition

A Stableford competition was held over the New Year holidays which resulted in a tie between Messrs. N. A. Brown and J. L. Macintyre, who had 37 points each.

The runners up were Messrs. G. G. D. Carter and J. Linaker with 36.

On Saturday and Sunday the qualifying round for the Captain's cup of 1949 was played with Mr. Macintyre qualified with a net score of 70.

The Victory cup reached the final stage on New Year Eve the South Irish Insurance beating Harry Wicking by one hole and two more matches were played over in the 1948 Captain's cup, resulting in Messrs. Brown and Gordon reaching the Semi final in which they meet Messrs. Suen and Robb respectively.

The draw for the Mixed four-somes and starting times for the Junior championship which is to be published later in the week.

Members are reminded that entries for both these competitions close at noon January 4. Late entries can be received by telephoning to the Secretary up to that time (Tel. 32340).

CORDELL LEAVING FOR HOME

CordeLL, the Army soccer custodian, will be leaving for home by the transport Dilwara tomorrow.

He will be playing his last game in the Colony this afternoon when he takes over the duties of goal for the Non-Chinese XI in their soccer match against the visiting Korean XI.

CordeLL has been very popular with local soccer crowds and has, both in League and representative games, proved himself to be a goal-keeper of outstanding ability.

HQLF BEAT RECREIO TEAM

In a friendly cricket match played at Sookunupoo on Sunday, 1949 Land Forces beat Club de Recreio by 80 runs.

Batting first, HQ Land Forces scored 98, Rogers being top-scorer with 27 runs.

Against the devastating bowling of Rogers, Recreio were all out for 18 runs. Rogers took six wickets for 11 runs.

Caroline Hill, 2.15 p.m.; Referee: P. Collins.	
Combined Chinese v. Korean F.A. Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: I. O. Young; Lineament: W. Gaffney and J. J. Paddy.	
FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE	
Kwong Wah v. Navy (PP from 12.10.49); Boundary, 2 p.m.; Referee: J. W. A. Barretto; Lineament: M. Delgado and L. H. H. M. M.	

Barna Airborne



Victor Barna of Pinner, Middlesex, former world champion, seems to have wings, as seen in play, at Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London.—AP Photo.

Good Crowd Attends Softball Classic

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The New Year's Day classic between the Ladies and the Combined Committee Members and Pressmen, was attended by a good holiday crowd.

A grand time was had by all, spectators and players alike, and those who journeyed out to King's Park were well rewarded by the entertainment.

The Committee side from Proxy Mollten downwards received and set aside their problems temporarily, to give a dainty and daffy exhibition that had fans roaring with laughter.

The Ladies team turned out in full force, and although they too went into the spirit of the occasion, they certainly proved to be "know-all" that youth will triumph over age, as Philo "Bleacher" Remedios and his outfit tried vainly against the weaker (2) sex.

Prior to the game, Doc Mollten entertained the team of officials at his residence to a sumptuous pre-game "warm-up".

When the team took the field, the spirit was certainly there, but alas and attack, the bodies were incapable.

The Ladies donned their usual softball working clothes while the Committee and Pressmen were garbed in immaculate white, symbolic of a clean start, and to signify their dignity, how ties were worn.

Intricate Signals

When it was time for the titanic struggle to commence, master-minded Philo Remedios called the team into a huddle for a pep talk and to explain his intricate signals—the team is

still trying to remember what a "hitch in the belt" meant!

The girls scored one in their half as Helen Ribeiro stole home. Honour was regained temporarily for the Official team as "Grandstand" Winglee whacked out a double and dented the rubber on Assistant Secretary Buster Hollands timely safety.

For five innings it was anything but a game, with the girls knotted three-all. During this period Senior "Spectator" Markar, the popular commentator who was holding the Hot Corner, became the first Softball casualty this year.

Glamorous Alice Mar, the ladies representative on the Committee had done her fair share of work on the mound in holding down the opposition, but then out of the blue the one and only understating Philo Remedios decided that it was up to him to win the ball game and so took over mound duties.

Things still didn't work right, so Philo decided to take over the hind-scutching and sacrificed "Grandstand" Winglee at the pitching altar. It is with regret that we report Grandstand was a failure on the mound.

Doc "Bone-setter" Mollten was called in to put out the fire, and was as effective as putting a bucket of water into Vesuvius!

Two-time Bill Woo's attempt to steal to third was nothing short of miraculous and had he left some of that lunch behind, he would surely have made it. Some who have carefully worked it out mathematically claim that he would have to do it for a full month before he could have made the steal, but we think it's an exaggeration.

Chief Ump Manolo Souza handled the game with complete control—at least he was able to hold a straight face—and on more than one occasion silenced bunter Philo Remedios with one majestic look.

CLUB RUGGER XV.

The following will represent Club Rugger 1st XV against the 2nd XV on the Club ground at 5.15 tomorrow.

It is requested that all those players chosen should make a determined effort to turn out, as owing to injuries the Committee attach considerable importance to this game.

1st XV: Henderson, Robinson, Cessford, Franklin, De Rome, Nolan, Lochlain, Carrel, Moffat, Brown, Bowman, Farquharson, Taylor, Warner, Hutton.

2nd XV: Mackie, Ward, Black, Gray, O'Grady, Morgan, Cleme, Baker, Kinghorn, Johnston, Minto, Fitzroy, Williams, Douglas, Gunner, Sanburg, Plowden.

Combined Chinese XI Beat Koreans In Close Encounter

Home Soccer Standings

First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Portsmouth	25	13	4	4	34
Newcastle	25	13	7	5	33
Derby County	25	13	7	5	33
Manchester U.	25	12	8	5	32
Charlton	25	10	10	5	30
Sheff. City	25	12	5	8	29
Wolves	25	11	6	8	28
Manchester C.	25	9	10	6	27
Arsenal	25	10	7	8	27
Liverpool	25	8	9	8	25
Blackpool	25	8	8	9	24
Hibernian	25	8	10	7	23
Barnsley	25	9	5	11	23
Sheff. U.	25	7	10	8	22
Everton	25	8	13	4	20
Millwall	25	6	13	8	17
Preston	25	5	14	6	17
Rushcliffe	25	5	7	13	17
Stoke	25	6	4	15	16

Second Division

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Southampton	25	14	5	4	33
W.B.A.	25	14	5	4	33
Tottenham	24	12	6	6	30
Fulham	24	12	6	6	30
Sheff. U.	24	11	6	8	27
Charlton	24	10	7	8	27
Luton	24	10	7	8	27
Bury	24	11	4	10	26
Cardiff	24	8	7	9	23
West Ham	24	9	7	8	26
Blackburn	24	10	6	9	26
Brentford	24	9	7	8	25
Bradford	24	9	6	9	24
Plymouth	24	8	7	9	23
Queens Pk.	24	8	7	9	23
Barnsley	24	8	7	9	23
Leeds	24	8	7	9	23
Coventry	24	8	7	9	23
Leicester	24	8	7	9	23
Gillingham	24	8	7	9	23
Nottingham	24	8	7	9	23
Lincoln	24	8	7	9	23

Third Division—Northern

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Rotherham	23	17	4	2	38
Hull City	23	14	6	3	34
Darlington	23	14	6	3	34
Doncaster	23	10	7	6	27
Gateshead	23	9	7	7	25
York City	23	10	4	9	24
Tranmere	23	9	7	7	25
Clevedon	23	9	7	7	25
Stockport	23	9	7	7	25
Carlisle	23	9	7	7	25
Harrogate	23	9	7	7	25
Wrexham	23	9	7	7	25
Walsby	23	9	7	7	25
Hartlepool	23	9	7	7	25
Oldham	23	9	7	7	25
Halifax	23	9	7	7	25
Chorley	23	9	7	7	25
Aberdeen	23	9	7	7	25
New Brighton	23	9	7	7	25
Southport	23	9	7	7	25
Bradford C.	23	9	7	7	25
Bradford T.	23	9	7	7	25

Third Division—Southern

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Swansea	23	18	4	1	36
Trinidad	23	18	4	1	36
Bournemouth	23	18	4	1	36
Exeter	23	18	4	1	36
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NOTES:

As no results of games in the Scottish League have been received, it has not been possible to complete the different Scottish League Tables.

It is hoped to publish up-to-date Scottish League Tables in the "China Mail" on Monday next.

LOCAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
K. China	11	10	0	1	20
K. Motor Bus	11	9	0	2	18
Chinese A.A.	11	7	1	3	15
Police	11	7	1	3	15
St. Joseph's	11	4	1	6	9
Eastern	10	4	2	4	10
Club	10	4	2	4	10
Police	9	2	4	3	8
Kwong Wah	10	1	1	8	3
Navy	10	1	1	8	3
R.A.F.	10	1	1	8	3

SECOND DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chinese A.A.	14	10	0	4	20
South China	14	11	1	2	23
K. Motor Bus	10	2	1	7	5
Army-K.	12	9	2	1	20
Army-K.	12	8	1	3	17
Kit-Che	11	7	2	2	16
Navy	11	7	2	2	16
Tramways	11	4	2	5	10
Police	11	4	2	5	10
St. Joseph's	11	4	2	5	10
Talbot	11	4	2	5	10
De La Salle	11	4	2	5	10
GOA	11	4	2	5	10
W.D. Ching	11	4	2	5	10
Belvedere	11	4	2	5	10

Combined Chinese beat the Korean Soccer XI by three goals to two in a closely contested game at Caroline Hill on Sunday.

Five of the players who were in the Korean XI which beat Hong Kong by five goals to two on New Year's Day were absent from the team which took the field against Combined Chinese.

Knock Costs Officer \$50

While walking along Austin Road at 1 a.m. on January 2, Warrant Officer Samuel Brookes, 25th R.A., Gun Club Hill, heard the sound of music, and what he thought to be duelling in progress, in a house.

He went to the house, knocked at the door, and was annoyed when he had the door slammed in his face. He banged the door and, in doing so, smashed in the panel and broke one of the glass windows.

Later in the morning he had the damage repaired, said Inspector J. Orem when Brookes was charged before Mr. W. H. Leung, Magistrate yesterday, with malicious damage to the door and window at 25 Austin Road, ground floor, occupied by Miss Lizzie Wong.

Defendant, who was arrested by Sub-Inspector P. Dow, said that he lost his temper and did not know he had done any under ordinary circumstances.

An officer of accused's regiment told the court that defendant had 16 years' service and had an excellent record.

"I am afraid that I cannot pass over this lightly," said the magistrate in imposing a fine of \$50.

Aroma Of Opium Spells Gaol

With fans in hand, two men kept midnight watch over eight brass basins of opium and as it simmered, the pungent aroma attracted the attention of the policeman on the beat.

Sub-Inspector Dow and a party followed the scent and went to the first floor of 16 Car Road, where the two men were stoves, opium and men were seized.

Before Mr. W. H. Leung, Magistrate yesterday, the youths of the two, Cheng Hau-ku, pleaded guilty to the charge of manufacturing opium, but 4 elder sons, Cheng Sik-fan, denied the charge.

In the box, the elder Cheng said that he was asleep until the knock at the door woke him up and he had no fan in his hand, nor was he anywhere near the first floor.

Under cross-examination by Inspector J. Orem, he later claimed that he did have a fan, but it was given him by the police.